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Letters Sent from Mint Headquarters

Fair copies of letters and telegrams sent from U.S. Mint headquarters to various official and individual recipients.

Some of these letters duplicate those of Entry 1, and others are responses to letters in those boxes or in Entry 229 “Letters Received.”

Sept. 9th, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $724.10 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries,	1890	$224.10
Wages of Workmen,	1890	500.00
Contingent Expenses,	1890	

Very respectfully,
Jas. R. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

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Salaries,	1890,	700
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	800
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	500

Sept. 9, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts

and Vouchers, for the Month ending August 31, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

September 9th, 1889.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1889, I find that you have failed to forward an abstract of deposits of prior quarters paid during the quarter ended June 30, 1889, and also an abstract of deposits remaining unpaid at the close of the quarter.

Please forward these statements at once so that your accounts may be sent forward for settlement.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 9, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $275000.- be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that the bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 9th 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your statement of assets and liabilities for the quarter ended June 30, 1889, was received this morning.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 9th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Please forward annual statement of Refinery Operations (Form 95) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 9, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your Mint, will be 92 1/2 cents, per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball, Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 9th, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank 75,000 Ounces, at $0.9310
Handy & Harman 200,000, Ounces, at $0.9310

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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September 9th, 1889.

Late Supt. U.S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, is herewith returned for correction.

You report the amount expended from the appropriation for contingent expenses as $36,838.53.

According to the quarterly statements and accounts as rendered, the amount should be $36,838.63, a difference of 19 cents as follows:

First quarter	$6,859.38
Second "	14,020.53
Third "	6,275.35
Fourth "	9,683.37
Total	36,838.63

And yet I find that the advances made you during the year from the contingent appropriation amounted to $39,560.00, of which you

redeposited $2,721.47, making your expenses $36,838.53, or ten cents less than the amount called for by your accounts and quarterly statements. You will please explain this discrepancy.

The expenses of distributing silver dollars, according to the quarterly statements and your bullion and coin accounts as rendered, amounted to $218.94 instead of $226.94, which you have entered. The expenses of distributing subsidiary silver coin amounted to $200.84 instead of $192.34.

Please forward a corrected statement at once and return the one herewith sent you in order to facilitate the checking of the items.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 9th, 1889

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to form No. 266, approximate statement of coin deposited and gold and silver bullion on hand, you are hereby instructed that it will not be necessary hereafter to forward this statement to this Bureau as it arrives too late to be of any value for the purpose for which these statements are used.

Hereafter you will telegraph on the last day of the month the deposits of United States coin for recoinage during the month in round ounces, and not forward the statement referred to.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 9, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same for New Orleans at ninety three and one tenth, cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

September 9, 1889

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offers declined. Will accept the same at ninety three and one tenth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

September 9, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and one tenth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

September 9, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

September 10th, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $270.80 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890	$260.80
Wages of Workmen,	1890	
Contingent Expenses,	1890	560.00
Repairs of building & grounds	1890	450.00

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

+ $11,500.- + + Mint + +

Salaries,	1890	$2500
Wages of Workmen,	1890	7000
Contingent Expenses,	1890	2000

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Similar, except as here noted, to letter on preceding page; to:

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Salaries,	1889	$ 1,100.
Wages of Workmen,	1889	1,200.
Contingent Expenses,	1889	200

Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Salaries	1889,	$ 4,500
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	30,000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	8,000

Sept. 10, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2500. to meet the expenses of the Refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 10, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
100 Monthly Statements of Silver bullion purchases & of coinage & transfers (Form No. 193)

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Circular Letter.

September 10, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish me with a statement showing by denominations the amount of uncurrent U. S. gold coin received at your Office, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York

over

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

added to St. Louis letter only.

I will also thank you to forward a statement containing same information as to uncurrent silver U. S. Coin.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

at your Mint

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

Mint

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Mint

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mint

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Mint

September 10th, 1889.

Late Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your annual statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889 is herewith returned for correction as indicated

in pencil.
Please forward a corrected statement at once and return the one herewith sent you in order to facilitate the checking of the entries.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, addressed to:

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sept. 10, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City,.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending August 31, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 10th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & storage Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and vouchers, for the month ending August 31, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Sept. 10th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, and enclosure from Mr. Eckfeldt, on the subject of returns of assays of a number of small gold deposits, from the assay offices, after mass melting, it is important to direct your attention to the circumstance that the fractions, in the practice at the assay offices, are in their favor; so that it would appear that there ought not to be any shortage on bars compounded of small deposits, if the assays are properly made at the assay offices which I have no reason to question. It is well understood that the practice at your institution is not to render as close a return for fractions on assay office bars as in the case of the assay office at New York. The repeated occurrence of shortage on a compounded bar from two separate assay offices seems to require more than ordinary attention.

To aid me in an investigation of the matter you will please instruct the assayer to forward to the department a statement of his several assays of the compound bars in which a shortage has been found against the mint at Denver and the assay office at Helena since the first of July, since which date the matter has assumed importance. What I desire principally is the details of his several assays and the average reported. I refer to the first two shipments of this year from the mint at Denver, and shipment No. 5 from the assay office at Helena.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your communication of the 7th instant enclosing a statement showing the expenditures from the Silver profit fund for distribution of Silver coin during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, by quarters, transportation items separate from incidentals, requested in my communication of the 5th instant, has been received at this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 10th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On the 5th instant a communication was addressed you from this Bureau in regard to the profits on medals and proof coins during the quarter ended June 30, 1889. No reply has been received, and I fear the letter may have miscarried. If the letter was received I will thank you for an early reply.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 10, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum

of thirteen thousand dollars ($13,000) from the ap-propriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, to meet in part the expenses of your mint on account of that coinage, during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 10, 1889.

To the
Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform me what is the lowest price per pound at which you will deliver twenty (20) tons of best Ingot Copper to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, addressed to:

J. Douglas, Jr. President,
Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Co.
Nos. 35 & 37 Wall Street
New York.

Sept. 11, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena

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be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($200000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution as follows, viz:

$150,000.- with Asst Treasurer U. S. at New York, and
50,000 with First National Bank Helena.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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September 11, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion and coin accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La., for the Quarter ending June 30, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 11, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($200000.-) and that $150,000.- of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, and the balance $50,000.- with the First National Bank,

Helena.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement, your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ending June 30th, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 11th, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

At the instance of the Secretary of the Treasury you are instructed to make assays of such samples of argentiferous lead ores as may be submitted to you by the Surveyor of Customs at your city, reporting to him the results, and without charge. I suppose your facilities will admit of this work, though I am sorry that this requirement should be made, as the operation of assaying ores I consider, on the grounds of the dirt attending the mechanical preparation, is a disadvantage to a laboratory in which the government assays of bullion are conducted. I trust, however,

this requirement will not be exercised in so many cases as to introduce into your laboratory any serious disorder.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

September 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertised in the "Graphic", New York, and "Inquirer" and "Bulletin", Philadelphia, inviting proposals for furnishing 50000 pounds of 5 cent copper nickel blanks.

I also transmit the authority to advertise in the "Telegraph" and "Press" of Philadelphia and "Tribune", New York, inviting proposals for furnishing 100,000 pounds, more or less, of bronze one cent blanks.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12th, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($200,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the First National

and Denver National Banks, Denver, Colo.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending August 31, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
12 Requisitions for Stationery.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 12th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Please forward your statement of Bars manufactured during month of July.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($200000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National and Denver National Banks, Denver.

Very respectfully
Jas. E. Kimball
Director.

September 12, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant you are informed that there is no objection to your depositing the funds belonging to your ordinary expense accounts with the Montana National Bank at Helena, the same being a designated depository of the United States.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. E. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12th, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively

named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant-Treasurer at New York:
Clark Dodge & Co. 100 000 Ounces, at $0.9340

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman 325,000 Ounces, at $0.9340

September 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant in regard to the ribbon for the life saving medals, you are informed that inasmuch as you are unable to procure a narrower ribbon of the proper shade, you are authorized to use the old ribbon in remounting the medals until further instructed.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward, as soon as practicable Refinery Operations' Form 95, for month

June 1889.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your communication of the 3rd. instant, relative to the condition of the sidewalk around the mint building, and enclosing copies of estimates of cost of renewal from certain stone companies in San Francisco, for same, has been received and referred to the Supervising Architect.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same, for New Orleans, at ninety three and four tenths cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street, New York.

Fourth National Bank
New York.

September 12, 1889.

Telegram

American Exchange National Bank.
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and four tenths cents per ounce fine.
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

September 12, 1889.

Telegram

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted.
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director, Mint.

Sept. 13, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your communication of the 7th inst. transmitting power of attorney of E. S. Daugherty to receive and sign for all moneys due the Carson Water Company, has been received at this bureau, and referred to the first auditor of the treasury.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 13, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Parting and Refining expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending August 31, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sept. 13, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 9th inst., enclosing a statement of assets and liabilities, I would say that the purpose of asking for this statement is to ascertain the exact amount of the precious metals in the institutions under the control of this bureau, at the close of the fiscal year, so that if you report on your statement gold and silver bullion which has been shipped the mint there will be a duplication. As you reported some nine thousand dollars worth of gold and silver bullion on hand, which was shipped the mint on June 26, 1889, your

statement was returned that this item might be eliminated, but I find upon examination of the Philadelphia accounts for the quarter ended June 30, that this deposit was not taken up at Philadelphia during the last fiscal year, consequently it will be reported in the assets and liabilities as a balance at your office.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 13, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense account with Abstracts and vouchers, for the month ending August 31, 1889.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 13, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your communications of the 9th inst., enclosing statement of the sale of thirty-six barrels of sweeps, with original bill of the steamship company, and the statement showing the method of reimbursement of the loss, also enclosing statement of the uncurrent silver coins deposited at your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, also a statement of the expenditures from the silver profit

fund by quarters, during the fiscal year, transportation items separate from incidentals, have been received at this bureau.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 13th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank N.Y., 75000 Ounces, at $0.9340
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 65000 Ounces, at $0.9340

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 13, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

The position of assistant assayer of the assay office at Boise City, is made vacant by the appointment of Mr. Cabell Whitehead as assayer of the Bureau of the Mint.

The pay of this office is five dollars per diem. If you can make recommendation for the appointment of a good assayer, pray do so, as soon as possible.

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Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Mr. J. B. Eckfeldt,
Assayer, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sept. 13th, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 9th inst., relative to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1889, I am disposed to approve your accounts if you can prepare a statement in lieu of the one herewith returned, showing the profit on the charges collected for the mint to the amount of $240.49 instead of $244.37, as shown by the statement forwarded, and herewith returned. In order to do this you will have to reduce the amount of charges collected on the last shipment by the difference between the sum of the mint charges deducted on shipments number 90 and 91, namely $32.56, and the balance in your collection account, $36.50, namely $3.99, leaving this amount as charges collected on the bullion on hand at your institution on June 30. This is the only way that I can see that these accounts can be approved in their present shape.

You are hereby instructed, for your future guidance, that at the close of the fiscal year all the bullion in your possession is to be shipped

to the mint; and the bullion accounts closed out; and you will declare the profit or loss on the value of the year's bullion as determined by you and by the mint at Philadelphia, and you will declare the profit on the charges collected by you for the mint at Philadelphia, and enter them in your accounts of June 30, leaving the exact balance in your collection account to pay the mint charges on such shipments as are not transferred prior to the close of the fiscal year. The fact that these shipments are not all transferred during the fiscal year does not prevent you from declaring the profits on the shipments as is done by all the other assay offices. In your June 30th accounts you can take credit for the certificates covering the earnings into the treasury or not, as you choose. The warrants covering these amounts into the treasury will reach the accounting officers long before your accounts are settled, so that there will be no difficulty in allowing these entries in your accounts of June 30., but the certificates may be entered in the accounts of the following quarter. The main point is the closing out of your bullion accounts and of declaring the exact profit or loss for the fiscal year.

If you find it impracticable to prepare fine silver and gold for assay use, early in the fiscal year, you are authorized to purchase a sufficient amount of pure gold and pure silver for assay purposes from your contingent appropriation, from the mint at Philadelphia, or the assay office at New York, and keep it on hand as a stock for this purpose, not to be entered in your accounts.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 13, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 Officers & Clerks Pay-Rolls (Form No. 47)
50 Monthly Statements " " 249.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 14th 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your statement of Earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, has been received and examined in this Bureau and is correct except that the total expenditures from contingent should be $1,850.14; the difference between this amount and the amount entered on your statement being the amount of the bill for advertising in the "Statesman", $4.80, referred to in your letter of the 9th instant.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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September 14th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Ida.

Sir:

Your communication of the 9th instant transmitting gold certificates Nos. 124 and 141, corrected, has been received at this Bureau and referred, with the enclosures, to the First Auditor of the Treasury to be placed with your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1889.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 14, 1889.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary account for the month of April, last, I find that Patrick Quinn has not signed the payroll pertaining to same. I will thank you to forward his receipt for the amount paid him at the earliest practicable moment.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 14, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find your Tabulated Statement for the fiscal year 1889. The bills paid at the Department should be entered under their proper headings, and the

repayments made to your appropriations, on account of dies manufactured for other Mints, should be deducted from your total expenditures on acct of wages and Contingent expenses of the engraver's department of your Mint.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 14, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant in reference to filling orders for five cent nickels from the People's National Bank of New Orleans, you are authorized to fill all orders for these coins received from New Orleans until further notice.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 16, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-eight $\frac{06}{100}$ Dollars, ($14,478$\frac{06}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Eighty-eight $\frac{89}{100}$ Dollars (188\frac{89}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-six $\frac{95}{100}$ Dollars, ($14,666$\frac{95}{100}$) being the net

value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum dated Sept. 7th, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 16th, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadel-phia, of the sum of Forty-two Thousand Eight Hun-dred and Thirty-one 07/100 Dollars, ($42,831.07/100) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Sixty 53/100 Dollars ($460.53/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-three Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-one 60/100 Dollars, ($43,291.60/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Mem-orandum dated Sept. 3rd, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Similar letter, except as to amounts &c. below noted; to same address:

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" Thirty-seven Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-eight 75/100 Dollars, ($37,598.75/100,) + + + Five Hundred and Eighty-three 85/100 Dollars, ($583.85/100,) + + +, + + Thirty-eight Thousand One Hun-dred and Eighty-two 60/100 Dollars, ($38,182.60/100,) + + +

+ + + + + Sept. 4, 1889 + +

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena & that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty three Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-eight 11/100 Dollars, ($33,488 11/100,) in Gold Coin and Two Hundred and Sixty-six 21/100 Dollars ($266.21/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four 32/100 Dollars, ($33,754.32/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated Aug. 31, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except amounts & as below noted; to same address:

+ + + + + + +

Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-four 29/100 Dollars, ($10,324 29/100,) + + + Eighty-Two 84/100 Dollars, ($82 84/100,) + + + + Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen 13/100 Dollars, ($10,407.13/100,) + + + + + + + + + + + Sept. 5th, 1889, + + + + + + + + + + + +

Sept. 16, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be

increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, ($25,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer-in-Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at St. Louis.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1889

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith six (6) Life Saving Medals restruck, and remounted in compliance with your letter of the 23rd ultimo. I also enclose the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the same, amounting to Twelve and 70/100 Dollars, ($12.70) for which amount I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted in his favor under cover to this Bureau, as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 16, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Sept. 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 7 dated Aug. 31, 1889, has been received, and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value

was found to be $14,703.95/100, Charges $37.00/100 and net value $14,666.95/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 16, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 Officers' & Clerks' Pay-Rolls (Form No. 47.)
150 Employés' " " " " 48

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 16, 1889.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Sept 3, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 5 dated Aug. 24, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $43,399.24/100, Charges $107.62/100, and net value $43,291.62/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 16, 1889.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Aug. 31, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 5 dated Aug. 24, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $33,837.$\frac{92}{100}$, charges $83.$\frac{60}{100}$, and net value $33,754.$\frac{32}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 6, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Sept. 5, 1889 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 6 dated Aug. 31, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $10,431.$\frac{92}{100}$; charges $24.$\frac{79}{100}$, and net value $10,407.$\frac{13}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadel-phia.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Dept. 4, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 6 dated Aug. 31, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $38,265.72/100, charges $93.12/100, and net value $38,182.60/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 16, 1889

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

The following blank book for official use has been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Register of gold deposits.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 16th, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your communication of the 12th instant transmitting an abstract of deposits of prior quarters paid during the quarter ended June 30, 1889, and also an abstract of deposits of prior

quarters remaining unpaid at the close of the quarter ended June 30, 1889, has been received, and together with the enclosures, referred to the First Auditor of the Treasury to be placed with your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter in question.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 16th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9340

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Fourth National Bank	50,000 Ounces, at	$0.9340
Handy & Harman	50,000 Ounces, at	$0.9340
American Exchange National Bank	100,000 Ounces, at	$0.9340

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to statement No. 95 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, is returned herewith for correction. The aggregates of the statements as rendered monthly are as follows:

	Gross wt.	Std Sil.	Expenses
Gold	473,418.330	208,957.13	$11302.75
Silver	429,487.82	452,838.53	

The annual statement reports,

Gold	461,174.430	195,461.30	$11,192.25
Silver	441,731.72	466,334.36	

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 16th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your communication of the 10th instant forwarding a statement of the number of ingot melts made and condemned in your mint for a series of years, and also a statement of the operations of the Coiner's department for a series of years, has been received at the Bureau.

Respectfully, yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 16, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, ($25000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 16, 1889.

Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company.
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your offer of the 11th instant to furnish 20 tons of best Ingot Copper at 11½ cents per pound delibered to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, free of all charges, is accepted. You will please forward the copper as early as practicable and transmit your account, receipted in duplicate, accompanied by bill of lading to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same for New Orleans @ ninety-three and four tenths cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram addressed to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street,
New York.

September 16, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept fifty thousand ounces for Philadelphia and one hundred thousand ounces for New Orleans, at ninety three and four tenths cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director Mint.

September 16, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept one hundred thousand ounces at ninety three and four tenths cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

September 16, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street.
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept fifty thousand ounces at ninety-three and four tenths cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

September 16, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and four tenths cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

September 17th, 1889.

William F. Switzler, Esq.,
Chief of Bureau of Statistics
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I beg to thank you for your communication of the 16th instant enclosing the following annual statements, viz:

1st. Statement of imports, and exports of gold and Silver.
2nd Statement by countries of imports of gold and Silver.
3rd Statement by countries of exports of domestic gold and Silver.
4th Statement by countries of exports of foreign gold and Silver.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 17, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to inform you that blank number 220 is not in stock in this Bureau, it will be necessary for you, therefore, to forward a sample copy of same before requisition can be made.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 17th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Please fill up and return the enclosed statement covering the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 17th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your communication of the 12th instant enclosing a corrected Assayer's report on gold bullion, No. 381, has been received and referred to the First Auditor of the Treasury to be placed with your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1889.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

Sept. 17th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, & at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 85,000 Ounces at $0.9340

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 17th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your communication of the 14th instant enclosing an annual statement, covering the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, showing by denominations the uncurrent gold coins of United States coinage deposited at your Mint during that period has been received at this Bureau, and I beg to thank you for the care with which it has been compiled.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 17th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please prepare and forward at your earliest convenience a statement showing the value

of fine gold bars exchanged for gold coin at your Mint from July 1, 1888, to June 30, 1889.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 17th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I fail to find your annual statement of medals manufactured during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, similar to that printed on page 148 of the last Fiscal Report of this Bureau. Please have it prepared and forwarded at once.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 17th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your communication of the 11th instant transmitting a statement showing the expenses from the silver profit fund of your Mint on account of transportation of silver coin during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, arranged by quarters, transportation items separate from incidentals, has been received at this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 18th, 1889.

Treasurer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing requisitions for funds, I have to say that it is not desirable to multiply these requisitions and unnecessary in this case. If you will make your requisitions a day or two prior to the 1st day of the month to which they appertain, the funds will probably reach you in time to make the semi-monthly payments recommended, but if they should not, a few days later cannot work serious hardships.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 18, 1889.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The Auditing Officers of the Department regard the bills for transportation of the Louisville and Nashville railroad Company as improperly paid by you. This road is one of a number that have been aided by the Government and is by agreement entitled to only 50 per cent of its claim for transportation over the aided portion. You will therefore hereafter, in having your supplies shipped by this route, have them consigned to the Quartermaster of the U. S. Army in your city who will transmit the bills therefor, together with bills of lading, to the Quartermaster General for certification by him, previous to

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being paid by the Treasury Department.
Bills of this kind paid by you previous to the 30th of June last, will be passed, but those paid during the current fiscal year will be disallowed in your accounts.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Sept. 18, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:
The following blank book for official use has been mailed you this day viz:
1 Medal Clerk's Book.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

September 18, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
Messrs. Handy & Harman have made application for an extension of time in which to complete delivery on their sale of the 9th instant. The time is extended until the 23rd instant.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 18, 1889.

Supt U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500	Statements of Silver Purchased.	Form No. 64
500	" " Charges imposed on deposits.	" " 83
400	" showing Silver Purchases.	" " 223
250	Monthly Pay-Rolls	" " 48
50	Officers & Clerks Pay-Rolls	" " 47
25	Requisitions from appropriation for Expenditures.	" " 56a.
40	Certificates of public Purchases	" " 264
40	" " Contract "	" " 265
25	Statements of Count & Examination of Funds.	" " 225
100	Abstracts of Petty Expenses.	" " 53B.
500	Daily Statements of Cashier	" " 231a.
100	Monthly " of balances of appropriations for expenses.	" " 224
100	Abstracts of Disbursements.	" " 53a.
100	Statements of Account Current.	" " 54
25	" " Coinage Executed.	" " 246
25	" " Operations in the Refinery	" " 95
25	" " M & R's bullion operations	" " 95½.
9	" " Record of Coin revised for annual assay	" " 125.
50	Affidavits of Sureties.	

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

September 18, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York

Time extended as requested to complete delivery on sale of September

cinth.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director, Mint.

September 18th, 1889.

N. J. H. Edge, Esq.,
Cashier, Bank of New Amsterdam.
Cor. Broadway & 40th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

When the small coinage of gold dollars is executed you will be notified accordingly.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

September 19th, 1889.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Ida.

Sir:

Your communication of the 14th instant enclosing a corrected statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 1889, and for the fiscal year ended that same day, has been received at this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 19th, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Peters' offer of twenty-seven thousand ounces, at ninety-three and one-fourth cents, accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director, Mint.

September 19th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your communication of the 5th instant relative to coinage and repairs at your mint has been received.

It is hoped that sufficient Silver will be offered to enable the Department to keep your mint fully employed, and I trust that you will use all legitimate means to secure offers of Silver to the Government for coinage at your mint. I think that you can readily execute a larger coinage than $200,000 in double eagles a month. This is only 10,000 pieces and it seems as if more than double this amount might be readily executed in addition to a monthly coinage of $100,000 in Silver dollars.

It is desirable that the gold at your institution should be coined as rapidly as possible in order that you may have gold coin with which to pay depositors and save the expense of shipping it from San Francisco.

You are probably aware that the argument that has been used against coinage at your mint is the excessive cost per piece. I trust, therefore, that you will aid me in destroying the force of this argument by keeping the expenses of your mint as low as possible, and especially in the item of wages. It is largely to the interest of your mint, and of the community in which it is located that this should be done.

It will not be possible to use any other appropriation for the expenses of repairs and cleaning the building than your regular contingent appro-

-priation.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find the account of the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company for 20 casks of Ingot Copper shipped you on the 6th instant. As soon as the Copper is received you will approve and return the account to this Bureau for payment.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 19th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

You are informed that the Government has entered into a contract with the United States Express Company for shipping all bullion and coin.

You are therefore instructed to mark packages containing your bars for shipment to Philadelphia: "Under Government contract, via United States Express Company."

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 12th instant relative to locks on the vaults in your vault and the Melter's rooms, you are hereby instructed to contract for suitable locks and to have the same put on at a cost not to exceed $113.

I would suggest that you at once procure proposals for iron guards to be placed over the back door of the melting room opening into the yard and over the windows and door of the engine room in order to enhance the safety of your building.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 19th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your communication of the 14th instant enclosing corrected bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1889, together with the originals, has been received at this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Dept. 19, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Helena power and light company for electric light furnished your office to June 30, 1889, amounting to $21.00 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office, fiscal year 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

September 19, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 12th instant relative to iron guards for the three back windows and the rear cellar entrance of your building, you are authorized to purchase the material for this work and have the guards erected at the cost named in your letter, $96.50.

In this connection I would state that I desire you to obtain and submit proposals to replace the present front doors of your building with plain oak doors, and also estimates for painting and pointing the brick-side of the building.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 19th, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 11th instant, you are authorized to contract for raising the chimney of your building fifteen feet higher to secure necessary draught, at a cost not to exceed $145.

In regard to the old stoves, you will sell them at your convenience to the best advantage, and cover the proceeds into the Treasury.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 19th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your communications of the 14th instant enclosing reports from the Assayer of your Mint on shipments of gold from the United States Mint at Denver and the United States Assay Office at Helena have been received and carefully considered.

It is a matter of regret that these differences should occur, and I have given instructions to both of the western institutions named to use every precaution to prevent it in future. Heretofore the shipments have run so uniformly correct that it is a matter of surprise that these large differences should have happened on the shipments since July 1st, and if they continue will entail serious loss on the western institutions, which there is no fund to re-imburse.

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I know from a recent personal examination of these institutions that it is not the practice to report very closely on deposits, so that these differences in fineness on individual bars, which were not rectified at your institution before assay might have occurred either from bad work at the western institutions or from difference in the methods of assaying as practiced at the various institutions under consideration. Hereafter any check assays which are made will be made under the direction of this Bureau, and if you discover any important differences in shipments you will notify the Bureau before the means of identifying the bars are lost and I will instruct you what to do in the premises.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 19th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 16th instant requesting authority to purchase a set of United States proof coins for the current year to be placed in the Mint Cabinet, you are hereby authorized to make the purchase requested in order to secure the continuity of the collection in your Cabinet.

The point raised last year in regard to these coins was, as I understood it, that they were not reported as a portion of your coinage. You will please see that this is done, and you will pay only face value for them.

Respectfully Yours,
E. O. Leech.
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Handy & Harman 100,000 Ounces, at $ 0.9315

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I forward you by to-day's mail one hundred (100) minor coin circulars.
Will forward more when an additional supply has been printed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco Cal.

How many silver dollars can be coined monthly without material increase of present force, working employés eight hours a day as required by law? What amount of silver could probably be obtained in San Francisco within market price? Answer first part by telegraph; fully by letter.

E. O. Leech, Acting Director.

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Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Saint Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your communication of the 14th instant transmitting a corrected statement of Shipments to the Mint at Philadelphia during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, has been received and will be placed with your bullion accounts.

This Statement will enable me to approve your accounts as rendered as soon as I have an opportunity to take them up.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1889.

Telegram

Glenham Hotel,
5th Ave. & 21st St.,
New York, N.Y.

Please reserve room, and one if possible, for to-morrow evening.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

September 19, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech.
Acting Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.,
#51 Wall Street,
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

September 19th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit copies of letters from the Assayer of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to shipments of gold from your Mint. You will notice that the last shipment he has checked by the Assayer at the New York Assay Office.

It is evident from these confirmatory checks either that there is bad work at your institution or that deposits are being reported too close at your institution and that it will entail a serious loss on the Government as well as reflect on your institution.

You will please give this matter your immediate and personal attention. Hereafter you will melt all the small bars into one large bar before shipping to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures
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September 19th, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana

Sir:

I enclose herewith an extract from a letter of the Assayer of the Mint at Philadelphia, furnishing, under instructions from this Bureau, the actual fineness ascertained by assays of your shipment No. 5, on which there was a loss of $83.98. You will notice that the loss occurred principally on the large number of small bars melted into one bar at the Mint before assay.

You are instructed: hereafter to melt all small bars into one or two large bars before making shipment, that is all such bars as will be melted into a mass bar at the Mint.

It is apparent from this report at Philadelphia either that deposits are reported too close at your institution or that there has been some bad work recently. You will notice that several of the individual bars did not run as high as your assays.

In order that the Government may suffer no loss, as well as for the reputation of your institution, you will please give this matter your personal attention and see where the trouble lies and have it corrected.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

{ Enclosure mentioned: #61183 }

Sept. 20, 1889.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-four Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve 47/100 Dollars ($44.912 47/100) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Thirty Seven 55/100 Dollars ($437 55/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-five Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty 02/100 Dollars, ($45,350 02/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated Sept. 14, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

September 20, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Late Assayer in Charge at Denver, Colo for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at St Louis Mo. + + + + +

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September 20th 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 13th instant relative to the bills of Messrs. Davis and Day for compensation while working up Mr. Garrard's closing accounts, I have to say that I concur in your decision, and that it has never been the practice in the Mint Service to pay retiring employés for work in closing up the accounts of the official who appointed them.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 20th, 1889.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your communication of the 13th instant enclosing a statement of assets and liabilities of date of June 30, 1889, has been received at this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 20, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

25 Coiner's monthly statements of Gold & Silver Workings.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Sept. 20, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Sept. 14, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 7 dated Sept. 10, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $45,463.41/100; Charges $113.09, and net value $45,350.02/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1889.

Late Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis.

Sept. 20, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

10,000 Graduation Tickets,
2,000 White Cards
1,000 Yellow "

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

September 20th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Repeated requests have been received by this Bureau and by the Treasurer of the United States for gold dollars of the current year's coinage. I find that on July 27th you were authorized to strike 10,000 pieces of this denomination of coin. In order to meet current demands, and at the same time to prevent speculation in this denomination of coinage on account of the rarity of the pieces, you are hereby instructed to increase the coinage of this denomination of pieces from 10,000 to 25,000 pieces, and to execute the coinage at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint

Sept. 20th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The enclosed sample leaf of a Press copying book for the use of your Mint was forwarded with your requisition for blank forms and books. As these books are classed as stationery the sample is re-turned for requisition upon the Stationery division of the Department, or purchase in your city as may be most convenient.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

September 20, 1889.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of current date the time in which to complete delivery on your sale of September 12th is extended until the 25th instant.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 21, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixty Thousand, Nine Hundred and

Thirty-one 12/100 Dollars, ($60,931.12/100,) in Gold Coin, and Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-five 14/100 Dollars ($1785.14/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-two Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixteen 26/100 Dollars, ($62,716.26/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office, at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated Sept. 16, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

September 21st, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your communication of the 14th instant enclosing a corrected statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 1889, and for the fiscal year ended the same date, has been received at this Bureau.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 21st, 1889.

Late Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, has been received and examined in this Bureau.

There was a disallowance of four cents in your accounts for the month of October in the item of Contingent Expenses. This will reduce

your Contingent expenses from $2,409.31 to $2,409.27.
You will please deposit the sum of four cents in the Treasury, as a repayment to the credit of your Contingent appropriation, and forward the original certificate to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 21st, 1889.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:
I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Assayer of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to a loss of $21.34 on Shipment No. 7 from your institution. You will see that check assays have been made at the Assay Office at New York, which verify the Philadelphia returns.
If these losses continue it will occasion serious trouble, and you will use all legitimate means to prevent them in future. Please give this matter your personal attention.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure #61357

Sept. 21, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:
Deposit Memorandum, dated Sept. 16, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 7 dated Sept. 7, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be

$62,883 51/100; charges $167.25/100, and net value $62,716.26/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 21st, 1889.

Sup't U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy report Assayer in charge Assay Office upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of August, 1889, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

September 21st, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have your communication of the 18th instant transmitting a statement showing the value of the fine gold bars exchanged for gold coin at your Mint during the last fiscal year, and I note your remark that this statement had already been furnished this Bureau under date of the 7th ultimo. I had the files of this office carefully examined, and I fail to find that such a statement has been received.

The statement inclosed in your communication of the 18th instant has not been compiled in accordance with the instructions from this Bureau. You will please have the statement compiled showing the value of the gold bars exchanged each month during the fiscal year, similar to that printed on page 8 of the last fiscal report of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 21st, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The time of Messrs. Handy & Harman in which to complete delivery on their sale of the 12th instant has been extended until September 25th.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 21st, 1889.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your attention is directed to the letter from this Bureau of the 3rd instant relative to the construction of new vaults in your mint. It is my intention to recommend that half of the cubic feet of vault work, that is 10,000 cubic feet, be allowed each of the two mints for new vaults, if practicable. As there is always considerable delay in getting this kind of work started after estimates and plans have been submitted, I will thank you to hasten your report on the subject, that is as to the space available for new vaults and where they should be located, covering say 10,000 cubic feet, along with such diagrams as will be necessary to present the matter clearly to the Supervising Architect.

You will communicate directly with this Bureau on this subject.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

September 21st, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your communication of the 20th instant relative to difference of $21.34 on shipment No. 7 from

the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, with a letter from your assayer giving the results of his own, and the New York assays, has been received, and a copy of the Assayer's letter has been sent to the Assay Office at Helena with instructions to use all legitimate means to prevent these differences in future.

These repeated losses, which have happened since July 1st of the present year, are going to be a matter of serious consequence, and while I am endeavoring to have the western institutions use every precaution to prevent them, I trust your assayer will give them as favorable returns as his assays will permit.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 21st, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury my dispatch of the 19th instant, asking you how many silver dollars could be coined at your mint with your present force, and your reply of the 19th stating that from 300,000 to 400,000 could be coined within your present appropriations.

The Secretary authorized me to invite offers for the sale of silver to be delivered at your mint, with a view to resuming silver coinage at that institution. I therefore telegraphed you to-day authorizing you to invite offers for the sale of silver, to be considered by this Bureau with the regular silver offers on Mondays and Thursdays of each

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week.

If it is found practicable to obtain silver in San Francisco as low as can be done in the East, as soon as a sufficient stock of silver is procured it is my intention to authorize the resumption of silver coinage at your Mint and to give you a monthly quota to be coined.

It is therefore greatly to the interest of your Mint, as well as of the community in which it is located, that all legitimate means should be used to secure offers at current eastern prices, otherwise the offers will not be accepted. You will understand that for the present at least it is not intended that there should be any material increase in the force of your Mint that is in excess of your appropriations for the current fiscal year. It is expected that the force will be employed during the regular hours of labor from 8 o'clock A. M. to 4 o'clock P. M. with an intermission of half an hour at noon as required by section 3, article 29 of the Regulations.

After this month you are authorized to confine your gold coinage to the denomination of double eagles, with a view to economizing labor so as to assist in the silver coinage and at the same time meet the requirements of depositors.

I trust that you will assist me as far as practicable in carrying out the general purpose which I have in view of restoring silver coinage at your Mint by utilizing your force to the best possible advantage and by not exceeding your present appropriation unless a larger coinage than four hundred thousand silver dollars a month should be required.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint

September 21, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

Offers of Loriza and Myer declined, being above market price.
Hereafter offers of silver for silver dollar coinage at your mint will be considered only at one o'clock on Monday and Thursday of each week. In order to reach here in time offers should be sent on Saturday and Wednesday evening.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

September 21st, 1889

Telegram

W. A. Wevendorf,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Will Wetten accept position of Assayer at Boise Office? Pay five dollars a day. If not, can you recommend a first class assayer? Answer, at Government expense.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1889.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 20th instant enclosing telegram from this Bureau of the 19th instant, and in reply would state that upon examination of the press copy of the telegram as delivered to the Western Union Company, I find

the same to read "Your offer accepted" and not declined. The fault therefore lies with the telegraph company.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1889.

Messrs. Einner & Amend,
#205 Third Street,
New York City.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. under date of the 14th instant in which it is stated that the one hundred (100) matrasses forwarded by you under the order of this Bureau dated July 22, 1889, are unfit for the use of that mint not being in conformity with the sample. I will thank you to inform me whether a sample was forwarded you with the letter from this Bureau of July 22, 1889.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1889.

Charles T. Webber, Esq.,
#504 Race Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I forward you by to-day's mail a copy of the Report of this Bureau on the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States for the calen-dar year 1888. Upon pages 204 to 227, inclus-ive, you will find the coinage of the Mints

from their organization, by calendar years, to December 31, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 21, 1889.

Hiram Hopper, Esq.,
Box 300, Centralia,
Illinois.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant you are informed that the coin you have is a ten cent piece of the type coined from 1809 to 1836, when the design was changed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1889.

Circular Letter.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In future you will take and keep an account by denominations of all U.S. uncurrent gold coins received and melted at your office.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech.
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters sent to:

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

over

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

gold and silver

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

In future you will take and keep an account by de-nominations of all U. S. uncurrent gold and silver coins received and melted at your Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

September 23rd, 1889.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

In order that the records of your mint may be kept correctly you are informed that the amount expended for wages of workmen at your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, was $31,739.36, of which $31,545.94 was expended at your mint, $73.68 was paid from your appropriation for wages for the manufacture of dies and $119.74 was paid from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar for wages incurred in manufacturing dies for your mint.

The amount of your contingent expenses for the year was $10,517.63, of which $10,099.27 was disbursed at your mint, $410.20 was paid in bills at the Department from your contingent appropriation, and $8.16 was paid from the appropriation for the coinage of the silver dollar for material used in the manufacture of dies for your mint.

The amount of parting and refining expenses was $24,660.38, of which $23,402.35 was disbursed at your mint, and $1,258.03 was paid at the Department from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion and charged to your mint.

In this connection your attention is directed to the disallowance of 15 cents in the bill of the Western Union Telegraph Company forming a portion of the accounts which you rendered of disbursements covering the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889.

In order that your accounts may be closed and the books of the Department balanced you are instructed to deposit this amount

in the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of your Contingent appropriation, 1889.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 23, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
12 Statements of Earnings and Expenditures (Form No 207).

Referring to your letter of the 17th inst. I would say that a supply of this blank was sent you on July 23, as requested in your letter of July 17th '89.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech.
Acting Director.

Sept. 23, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Estimates of Appropriations for the support of your mint during the fiscal year 1891, together with deficiency estimates for the current year, amounting to $15,000.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

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Sept. 23, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

The item which caused the difference between the original and corrected statements of "Earnings and Expenditures" of your Office for the fiscal year 1889 was a bill of the Helena Herald for advertising for proposals for Supplies, amounting ~~to~~ $3.50, and paid on the 2nd ultimo.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

September 23rd, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your communication of the 21st instant requesting authority to make partial payments on deposits of silver bullion, is herewith returned, the same being without signature.

I would say that there is no authority of law or regulation for making partial payments on silver deposits, and it is not my intention to issue any instructions giving you such authority.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 23rd, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to purchase of silver bullion, receipt No. 8681, assay No. 904 from H. L. Roberts under date of June 3rd, I find that a toughening charge of $1.98 is entered on your abstract-sheets. I presume the amount should have been $9.18, at the rate of one cent an ounce, and I find that the latter figures make the footing, as well as the value of the deposit, correct.

I have therefore changed this entry on your abstract-sheets from $1,98 to $9.18.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 23, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official bond of William T. Reilly, recently appointed Assistant Assayer of your mint. You will be duly advised of the approval of same by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

September 23rd, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your communication of the 16th instant

enclosing a statement of assets and liabilities for June 30, 1889, and a statement giving the approxi-mate value of foreign coins deposited at your Mint during the fiscal year ended that date has been received at this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 23rd, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your communication of the 17th instant forwarding a corrected statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, has been received, together with the Enclosures, and the disallowance of 10 cents mentioned in your letter as having been made in the ordinary accounts of your predecessor for September 30, 1888, has been noted in the books of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1889

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director, Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Sept. 24th, 1889.

Hon. Wm Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City Idaho be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boisé City National Bank, Boisé City, Idaho.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1889.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir.

It is respectfully requested that you will cause the sum of Twenty Million Dollars ($20,000,000.-) in gold coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to the Treasury of the United States, from any balance to the credit of the Superintendent.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint

To Asst Treasurer at New York.

September 24th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 13th instant relative to the Assistant Assayer at your institution in the place of Mr. Whitehead, appointed Assayer of this Bureau, I transmit herewith a communication from Mr. Eckfeldt, Assayer of the Mint at Philadelphia, recommending Mr. Ephraim Daft of your City; also a telegram from Mr. Meyendorff, the Melter at the Assay Office at Helena, to whom I telegraphed asking him to recommend a suitable person; and also a letter from W. S. Maxwell of Brooklyn, N. Y., applying for the position. I would say that in the efforts that have been made by this Bureau to secure you a suitable assayer, the rate of pay promised has been $5 a day, so that you will feel authorized to pay $5 a day to a suitable person whom you may select, in lieu of the wages heretofore paid Mr. Whitehead.

I enclose these communications for your consideration, and have informed Mr. Maxwell that

his letter has been sent you.

I do not think I would be in any hurry about filling the place, at least until some one is secured who would fill the position satisfactorily to you and the Government. It is highly important that whoever is appointed to this position should be thoroughly competent to perform the duties. This is made more imperative by the fact that since the 1st of July serious differences have arisen between the offices at Helena and Denver and the Mint at Philadelphia in regard to the value of their shipments, Philadelphia having reported on several shipments a lower fineness than that paid the depositor at the western institutions, and re-assays made at the New York Assay Office have verified Philadelphia's results. I am exceedingly anxious that no such differences should arise on your shipments, which heretofore have been very satisfactory, and of course the closeness between the value of your shipments as ascertained at your institution and at the mint at Philadelphia will depend very largely, almost entirely, on the work of the person who is appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. Whitehead to this Bureau.

In case other and more suitable persons are recommended I will communicate further with you on the subject.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 24th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10000.), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Boise City National Bank, Boise City Idaho.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

September 24th, 1889

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find official bonds of Sherman G. Sackett, Chief clerk, and Michael E. Bevins, watchman of your Mint. The Department requires that sureties should qualify in real estate to an amount at least equal to the face of the bond, in addition to the personalty. The bond of Bevins shows erasures, which alone would invalidate it.

Please cause new bonds to be executed in each of these cases and forward without delay. Additional blanks for this purpose will be found enclosed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 24th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your communication of the 20th instant returning corrected statements of deposits and purchases [forms Nos. 60, 61, and 61½] for the month of January 1889, and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, and also a statement of uncurrent gold coins de-posited at your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, has been received at this Bureau.

I thank you for the care with which the state-ment giving the denominations of uncurrent gold coins deposited has been prepared.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Complaint has been made to this Bureau that you do not deliver silver dollars for shipment to the U. S. Express Company until 4.30 or 5 o'clock P. M., at which hour all through daily trains over which that company run have left New Orleans; hence there is a delay in many cases of 24 hours in the shipment of silver dollars. In future you will make your arrangements to deliver to the U. S. Ex-press Company daily in time to be forwarded by them on the same day.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed

Accept fifty thousand ounces additional from Clark, Dodge and Company on notice of September twelfth. Error in letter of advice.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director, Mint.

September 24, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has this day been requested to cause the sum of $20,000,000. in gold coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your office to the Treasury of the United States.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 24th, 1889.

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, I will thank you to inform me whether any portion of the $849.74, entered as "proceeds of sale of old material", was received from the sale of by-products, and if so, what portion.

This is important, as in reporting the receipts and expenditures for parting and refining bullion the amount received from the sale of blue vitriol

and spent acid from the refinery is deducted in ar-
-riving at the net expenditures.
A prompt reply is requested.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examina-tion and settlement a bill of H. Weber & Co. for 1 Roll of Print paper, purchased for use of your Mint on the 7th of June '89 amounting to $2.25 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1889. The "Sundries" Sitem of your annual tabulated statement will be increased by this amount.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Acting Director

September 24th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In order that you may keep your books straight, you are informed that the total amount expended at your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, not including parting and refining expenses, was, for Wages of workmen, $176,606.94, and for Contingent Expenses, $37,569.09, as follows:

over

Wages of Workmen.

Regular appropriation:

Disbursed at San Francisco	$ 166,621.60
" " the Department	812.44
Standard Silver Dollar appropriation:	
Disbursed at San Francisco	8,978.50
" " the Department	194.40
Total	176,606.94

Contingent Expenses.

Regular appropriation:

Disbursed at San Francisco	$ 36,838.53
" " the Department	530.34
Standard Silver Dollar appropriation:	
Disbursed at San Francisco	190.02
" " the Department	10.20
Total	37,569.09

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 24th, 1889

W. S. Maxwell, Esq.,
489 Washington Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 18th instant, applying for the position of Assistant Assayer in the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, Idaho, I have to inform you that your letter has been referred to the Assayer-in-Charge of that institution, and you are at liberty to communicate with him further on the subject and forward any references you may have to him.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 25th, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy six 26/100 Dollars ($14,776.26) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Fifteen 91/100 Dollars ($215.91) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Two 17/100 Dollars, ($14,992.17) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum dated September 20th, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

September 25th, 1889.

Telegram

James P. Kimball,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Statement desired will be forwarded today.
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 25th, 1889.

Telegram

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Whitehead qualified here today. He will be paid

for twenty-four days on your rolls. Draft for the difference will be mailed you to-morrow.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 25th, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Sept. 20th, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 8 dated Sept. 14th, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $15,031.65; charges $ 39.48, and net value $14,992.17. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 25, 1889.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Estimates of appropriations necessary for the support of your office during the fiscal year 1891.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

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Circular Letter.

September 25th 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Ida.

Sir:

In making requisitions upon the Department for forms and books the requirements of the enclosed circular will be strictly observed.

Especial attention is directed to paragraph 6. Much trouble is imposed upon this Bureau and the Stationery Division of the Department in making the forms and books ordered conform to the sizes of paper used by the Department. The Public Printer has only such sizes of paper as are enumerated on the circular, indeed there are but few other standard sizes made, and the purpose of this regulation is to prevent waste and loss in cutting.

Hereafter when blanks and books ordered are not made to conform to the sizes of paper used by the Public Printer they will be returned for correction in this particular.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

over

(Letter on preceding page)

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

September 25, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your attention is called to Section 9 of Article 13, page 18, Instructions and Regulations. Coins taken from the first and two sequent deliveries in each week should be promptly forwarded to this Bureau for assay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 25, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir
Hereafter you will please forward the special assay coins to this Bureau instead of to the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

September 25, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have instructed the Superintendents of the coinage mints to forward the special assay coins to this Bureau hereafter. This work will therefore be discontinued at your office.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 25th, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Forward by express today, one ounce of fine gold and fifteen ounces of fine silver, for assay purposes, and send bill.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 25th, 1889

Sup't U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I telegraphed you today to forward by express one ounce of pure gold and fifteen ounces of pure silver for assay purposes, to be used in the laboratory of this Bureau. You will forward a bill for the same at your convenience, and you will be re-imbursed therefor.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 25th, 1889.

Sup't U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your communication of the 24th instant forwarding a statement of medals manufactured during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, and also a statement of gold bars exchanged for gold coin during the same period, have been received at this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 25th 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 24th instant with the enclosure from the Assayer, and also a package containing gold assay samples from the Denver mint.

I will have test assays made and report the results to you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1889

Leander Oneal, Esq.,
Forge, N. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant you are informed that the silver coin of which you enclose a pencilling is a Spanish silver dollar and has a value only as bullion.

As silver is coined only on government account you can forward the coins to which you refer to the mint at Philadelphia, and they will be purchased as bullion at the price the Superintendent may be authorized to pay on the day of their receipt at the mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 25, 1889.

To the
American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Gentlemen:

An inquiry has been made of the Department in relation to a change in the method of buying silver, you are informed that hereafter counter offers for the purchase of silver will not be made by the department but the lowest offers for delivery at such mints and at such times as the department needs silver, will be accepted.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Col.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York.

Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street, New York.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street, New York.

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September 25, 1889.

Messrs. Clark Dodge & Co.,
#51 Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to the inquiry contained in your communication of the 24th instant you are respectfully informed that the Secretary of the Treasury has decided not to make counter offers for the purchase of silver, but to accept the lowest offers for such mints and at such times as we need silver.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 26th, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that room No. 41 on the second main floor of the Treasury Building be assigned to the Bureau of the Mint.

The room in question is a small one located between the room occupied by the Comptroller of the Currency, and that occupied by the Director of the Mint, separated from the latter by a thin partition wall and opening into the Director's room by a door. The room I ask for was a portion of the quarters originally assigned the Bureau of the Mint, and was used by Director Linderman for his private office. Early in the year 1879 the office of the Comptroller of the Currency being very crowded the Director courteously consented to give this room up to Mr. Knox, at that time Comptroller

Since this room was assigned to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency the work of the Bureau of the Mint has been largely augmented by the action of Congress in imposing upon the Director the duty of collecting the statistics of the production of the precious metals. This duty requires, in addition to the preparation of the annual fiscal report, the compilation and publication of a report on the production of the precious metals in the United States, nine thousand copies of which are printed annually by resolution of Congress. This work has gradually grown until it now embraces not only the statistics of the production of the mines of this country, but of the production of the world.

The preparation of this report not only entails extra labor on the clerical force of the Bureau, but renders it imperative that the Director should have some place where he can work free from interruption by visitors.

The present quarters assigned this Bureau, consist of three rooms only. Two of them are occupied by the clerical force and are very much crowded. The other is now occupied by the Director and his stenographer.

It is my purpose, if this small room can be re-assigned to the Bureau, to put in it the translator of the Bureau and a type-writer, to use it for work on foreign matter, and also as a private office for work on the official reports of the Bureau.

I would say that the information annually collected at the instance of this Bureau through the Department of State touching the production, consumption, coinage and movement of the precious metals in foreign

countries is now communicated by our foreign representatives directly to the Bureau of the Mint, by order of the Secretary of State, which necessitates numerous translations of foreign documents and publications. The translator of these documents is now required to sit in the same room where the principal business of the office is transacted, and it would be a great assistance if the Director could have some room which he could occupy in conjunction with his translator.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Ida.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a draft in your favor for the sum of $24.00, being the difference between the amount paid Mr. Whitehead, $120.00, and the amount due him for 24 days services, $96.00.

You will pay him on the rolls for 24 days, $96.00.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed

Offer of Peters of eighteen thousand ounces at ninety-three and one fourth cents accepted.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

Sept. 26, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
500 Forms No. 24 & 29.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Acting Director

Similar letter, with exception here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

250 Red melting cards. (Form No. 76)

September 26, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In addition to the change you request to have made in your Annual Tabulated Statement, as per letter of yesterday, I have caused the sums of $48.60, to be deducted from your expenditures on account of wages of workmen, and $2.55 from your expenditures for contingent expenses, the same having been repaid from appropriations United States Mint San Francisco for dies manufactured. Please make the necessary changes in your records to conform herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint

Sept. 26, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Authority is hereby granted you to purchase the Pressecopying books described in your letter of the 25th inst.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

September 26, 1889.

Messrs. Einer & Amend,
#205 Third Avenue,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I send you by mail today a sample of the matrass required by the Carson Mint, and will thank you to forward one hundred (100) of the same through the Quartermaster's Department as early as practicable, transmitting your account in duplicate to the Superintendent of the Carson Mint for payment.

The matrasses previously forwarded will be returned to you at the expense of the government.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1889.

Col. C. H. Tompkins,
Chief Quartermaster U. S. Army,
New York City.

Sir:

Please receive from Einer & Amend, 205 Third Avenue, New York City, and transport as public

property to the U. S. Mint, at Carson, Nev., one hundred (100) matrasses, under authority of Section 1959 of the Army Regulations of 1881.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1889.

To the Ansonia Brass and Copper Company,
19 & 21 Cliff Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant, you are informed that the copper required for the New Orleans Mint has been purchased, no reply having been received to letter of this Bureau to Mr. Douglas, President of the Copper Queen Mining Co. within a reasonable time.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street, New York.

Seelage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street, New York.

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Sept. 27th, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson City be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100000,) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 27th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir: I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

September 27, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You will please return the matrasses received by you from Messrs. Eimer & Amend at the expense of the government. You should deliver these to the nearest United States Quartermaster

for shipment. I have instructed Messrs. Eimer and Amend to forward you one hundred (100) matrasses like the sample furnished by you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 27th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
5000 Gold deposit cards (yellow paper)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

September 27, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 26th instant I enclose herewith Department Circular, No. 78, dated July 29, 1889, suspending until further orders the payment of all bills for telegraphing.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at your

mint will be 93c per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1889

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to ninety-three cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

September 27th, 1889.

B. F. Jonas, Esq.,
Collector of Customs,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st ultimo addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting that the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans be authorized to make such assays as are necessary to enable you to comply with the Department's instructions, you are respectfully informed that your communication has been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans with instructions

to make such assays as your work requires.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1889.

Messrs. Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your telegram of current date you are informed that the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans was instructed on the 24th instant to receive 50,000 ounces additional from you on your sale of September 12th.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 28th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to a letter from this Bureau dated the 23rd instant informing you of the amount expended for wages of workmen and Contingent expenses at your mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, you are respectfully informed that the amount expended for wages should be $31,742.42, instead of $31,739.36, the amount paid at the Department from the Standard Silver dollar appropriation on account of wages at your mint being $122.80, instead of $119.74.

The amount expended for contingent expenses should be $10,514.57, instead of $10,517.63. The amount paid at the Treasury Department from the

appropriation for the coinage of the silver dollar was $5.10, instead of $8.16.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 28, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 268 for $.15 being on account of unexpended bal. of appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1889, inclosed in your communication of the 20th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the above appropriation for the support of your Mint. (Contingent Expenses, Carson Mint, 1889)

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Sept. 28, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The official bonds of Byron N. Sanford, as assistant Melter and Daniel Brady, as watchman of your mint, were approved by the Secretary of the Treasury on the 27th instant and filed in the office of the First Comptroller.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Sept. 28, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
1000, Silver melt cards. (Form No. 78.)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

September 28th, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find United States draft No. 23,470, made payable to your order, for the sum of $250, on receipt of which you will please ship to J. B. Hudson, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 250 gold dollars of this year's coinage, express charges to be collected.

I enclose the address on a card.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 28, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7477 for $1000.00, being on account of Medal Fund profits inclosed in your communication of the 25th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Medal Fund accounts, and the amount

To be covered into the Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Sept. 28, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon examination of the records of this Bureau I find you are correct in the matter of crediting the current years appropriations of your mint with the $48.60 and $2.55, repaid by the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, for dies manufactured for its use. The statement will be corrected accordingly.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

September 28, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the report of the Assayer of this Bureau on the slips enclosed in your communication of the 24th instant, and also return the remnant of the slips.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

For Letter to New York, Supt, dated Sept 28, 1889,
See Page 368.

Sept. 28th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank book for official use has been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book Register of minor Coins.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

September 28th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the letter from this Bureau of the 24th instant informing you of the total expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, I have to inform you that the amount expended for wages of workmen should be $176,558.34 instead of $176,606.94, the difference, $48.60, being a repayment to the credit of the appropriation for wages at the Philadelphia mint for dies manufactured for your Mint, being chargeable to the appropriation for the current fiscal year, instead of the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889.

The amount expended for contingent expenses should be $37,566.54, instead of $37,569.09, the difference, $2.55, the amount of a repayment to the credit of the appropriation for contingent Expenses of the Philadelphia Mint on account of material used in the manufacture of dies for your Mint, being chargeable to the appropriation for the current fiscal year, and not for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889.

Respectfully yours, E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 28, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The official bond of Charles J. Deering, as Cashier's Clerk of your Mint, has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred to the office of the First Comptroller for file.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

September 28, 1889.

Supt. Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The official bond of William J. Reilly, as Assistant Assayer of your Mint was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury on the 27th instant and filed in the office of the First Comptroller.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

September 28, 1889.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

You are authorized to purchase silver, until further notice, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces, at ninety-three and five tenths cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

September 28th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your communications of the 19th instant, you are authorized to purchase a suitable carpet and the necessary rugs for your private office.

Please make the expense as small as possible.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 28, 1889.

Messrs. E. C. Reichhelm & Co.,
No. 80 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 21st instant for Root Power Blower and appurtenances, purchased for the use of the Laboratory connected with this Bureau, amounting to $187.00, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

September 30, 1889

H. F. Wild, Esq.,
Late Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant, you are informed that upon inquiry of the First Comptroller of

the Treasury it is learned that your accounts have all been settled and notice of the same sent you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

P.O. Address,
Mineral, Washington Co.
Idaho.

Sept. 30, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise', I.T.

Sir:

Herewith returned for completion please find your Tabulated Statement of Expenditures for the fiscal year 1889. The statement must show the $1500, for "Repairs of Buildings and Grounds" were expended, and the bills paid at the Department should also be taken up, as indicated in pencil.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Telegram Confirmed

September 30, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Pay for silver contained in gold deposits, until further notice, at the rate of eighty-five cents, per standard ounce.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.,

Assayer in Charge, Mint,
Denver, Colo.,

over

(Telegram on preceding page)

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer in Charge, Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

September 30, 1889.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Until further notice you will pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of 85 cents per standard ounce.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 23rd instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and by him referred to this Bureau, requesting that a janitor be allowed your office, you are informed that I have returned your communication to the Secretary with the request that, if possible, the services of a janitor be allowed you.

As bearing on the question of the force of your office, I will thank you to inform me whether the services of an under-clerk are necessary. No need was found for the employment of a clerk up to the encumbency of your predecessor.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 30, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1,000 Letters to depositors.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

500 Requisitions for supplies. (Form No. 130.e)
1,000 Leaves of absence " " 82
1,000 Bill heads

September 30, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank book for official use has been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Stockkeepers Ledger.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

September 30, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am informed by the Treasurer of the United States that the stock of dimes in the several sub-Treasuries is very much reduced and in order to meet the demands for the same, it is necessary that a coinage of not less than $50,000.— in addition to the amount that you now have on hand should be made this week, as transfer orders were drawn upon you to-day by the Treasurer for $80,000.— in dimes.

I have therefore to request that you will use your best endeavors to pay these orders during the present week.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Transfer orders for eighty thousand dollars in

dimes will be drawn by the Treasurer to-day. It is necessary that you should coin fifty thousand dollars in dimes this week.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Sept. 30, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Forward by to-days mail statements of deposits and purchases for August.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

September 30th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your communication of the 21st instant relative to the purchase and coinage of silver at the San Francisco mint, is before me.

I telegraphed you on Saturday authorizing you to pay 93½ cents for silver delivered in lots of less than 10,000 ounces. The present rate at the other mints for local purchases is 93 cents.

I am anxious to assist you in every legitimate manner in obtaining a stock of silver to resume coinage, but the Department will not pay above the market price; that is to say, it will not pay more for silver delivered at the mint at San Francisco than for silver delivered at the mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans and Carson.

Up to date no offers for the sale of silver to be delivered at your mint, under the telegram from this Bureau of the 21st instant, have been received.

& a half million ounces can be obtained monthly within what the Department considers the market price of silver your mint can be kept fully employed on the coinage of silver dollars.

Of course, if it is impracticable to obtain silver in San Francisco at the market price, the effort which I have made to resume silver coinage at your mint will have to be abandoned.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 30th, 1889.

Jacob R. Eckfeldt, Esq.
Assayer, United States Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Mr. Cabell Whitehead, recently appointed Assayer of this Bureau, will be in Philadelphia a portion of this week, and I hope you will afford him every assistance in familiarizing himself with the work of assaying as conducted in your department, especially silver assaying.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint

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Cabell Whitehead, Esq.,
Assayer, Bureau of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to proceed to Philadelphia, and New York if necessary, for the purpose of purchasing such supplies as are necessary for the work of the laboratory connected with this Bureau.

Your necessary expenses while engaged in this duty will be paid upon presentation of your account with proper vouchers on your return.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint

September 30, 1889.

Messrs. John L. Williams & Son,
#1111 Main Street,
Richmond, Va.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed I forward you a statement showing the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1888, also a statement showing the coinage for the year.

These statements are forwarded in compliance with your request to the Bureau of Statistics.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint

September 30, 1889.

Louis J. Poisson, Esq.,
(Smith Building) #111 Princess Street,
Wilmington, N. C.

Sir:

You can forward the silver bullion you have to the Mint at Philadelphia or New Orleans as you may deem most convenient, and it will be purchased at the market rate the Superintendent may be authorized to pay on the day of the delivery of the bullion at the Mint.

At present the rate is 93 cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1502 for $1,118.31 being on account of Gain by Melter & Refiner, fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, inclosed in your Communication of the 27th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

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Oct. 1, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-three Thousand Five Hundred and Fourteen $\frac{73}{100}$ Dollars ($33,514.$\frac{73}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Four $\frac{86}{100}$ Dollars ($304.$\frac{86}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-three Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen $\frac{59}{100}$ Dollars ($33,819.$\frac{59}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated Sept. 28, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

October 1, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your statement of checks drawn on the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco on the 24th instant, shows that two checks were drawn in favor of the Anglo Californian Bank, Limited, for $1,000.- each in exchange for Silver Coin. Your Cashier's daily statement shows no entry of these amounts, and the amount of silver coin on hand is not increased over and above the balance reported on the 23rd instant.

I will thank you to explain why the amount received in exchange for the checks was

not taken up on the Cashier's statement of the 24th instant. In this connection I would say that I do not deem it advisable that you should give your Check's on the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco in exchange for Silver Coin and especially for worn and abraded Coin. Upon application to this Bureau you will be furnished with such an amount of Silver Coin as may be required by you for Change purposes.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1889.

Telegram

Assayer in Charge
Denver Mint.

Forward Estimates of appropriations at the earliest practicable moment. See letter of twenty-seventh July.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 1, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7674 for $.04 being on account of bal. of appropriation for Contingent Expenses U. S. Mint Denver, 1889, inclosed in your communication of the 25th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your (Ordinary) Accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of October, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $2400.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$925
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	1175
Contingent Expenses,	1890,	300

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Similar letters, except as noted below, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$17500.00

Salaries	1890	$3,500
Wages of Workmen	1890	14,000

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

$2500.00

Salaries	1890	$800
Wages of Workmen	1890	1000
Contingent Expenses	1890	700
		Office

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir.

Deposit Memorandum, dated Sept. 28, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 8 dated Sept. 21, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $33,902 46/100; charges $82 87/100, and net value $33,819 59/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1st, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of "Estimates of Appropriations" necessary for the support of your institution for the fiscal year 1891.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 1st, 1889

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 25, 1889, relative to the causes of the recent large export of gold bars from this country, I desire to obtain certain information that will guide me in presenting the probable

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reasons which led to the shipment of bullion instead of the purchase of exchange, and the ultimate destination of the bullion.

To this end I will thank you to ascertain and inform me as fully as may be practicable on the following points:

1st. - What is the cost of transportation and insurance, separately, on gold bullion across the Atlantic?

2nd. - What on gold coin?

3rd. - What on Silver bullion?

4th. - What on Silver Coin?

5th. - Who are the principal shippers of gold bullion since the first of the present calendar year, and how much approximately did each ship, and to whom consigned?

6th - What exchange guides, sight-Exchange or time-exchange, in deciding whether it is more profitable to buy exchange or ship specie?

7th. - How has the rate of interest in England or France created a demand for gold from this country? Probably Messrs. Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. can give you some information on this point. I would like to have it made very clear.

8th. - What is the probable outlook for the return of this gold or other gold to this country in the near future?

9th. - Forward a statement showing in one column the value of gold bars exchanged for gold coin at your institution each month since the 1st of January, and in the corresponding column the shipments of gold from the port of New York each of said months.

Any information that you may be able to give me on the topics suggested will be appreciated by me as well as by the Secretary of the Treasury, who is very much interested in this subject.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1514 for $220.00, being on account of amount received for special assays of bullion inclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 1515 for $1,157.39 + + Proceeds of by-products sold, 3rd Quarter, 1889, + + + + +

C. D. No. 1518 for $253.18 + + alloy charges + + + personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, + + + + + +

C. D. No. 1519 for $15,991.49 + + Parting and refining charges, 3rd Quarter, 1889, + + + personal credit to be given you in your Bullion, accounts + + + to the credit of the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion" + +

Three (3) Similar letters except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

C. D. No. 7486 for $105.13 + + alloy charges + + + personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, + + + as a "Miscellaneous receipt" + +

over

C. D. No. 7487 for $94.00 + + Assay fees, 3rd Quarter, 1889, + + No personal credit to be given you in your accounts + + + as a "Miscellaneous receipt" +

C. D. No. 7488 for $4,372.66 + + + Refinery Charges + + + personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, + + + to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion." + +

October 1, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Yes, fifty thousand additional if practicable.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

October 1, 1889.

Geo. W. Moss, Esq.
Agent, Adams Express Co.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I return herewith your account for transportation of $14,982.75 gold bullion from the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to the Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $15.—. At the rate of the existing contract of the department with the U. S. Express Company for the transportation of gold bullion and coin, the amount due for this service would be $7.74, the distance from Charlotte to Philadelphia being 516 miles.

If this bullion was transported part of the way by any other express company, I will thank you to state by what company and the point at which transfer was made to the Adams Express Company.

and also to furnish a sub-voucher for the payment to the connecting express company. When this is done the account will be approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 1st, 1889.

Charles F. Macdonald, Esq.,
Superintendent Money Order System,
Post Office Department.

Sir:

The value of the "Sol" of Peru, based on the average price of silver in London for the three months ended September 30, 1889, is $0.67.1.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Coin in October one hundred thousand silver dollars and all double eagles possible without working overtime.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint

October 2, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7489 for $41.52, being on account of Proceeds of sale of old material inclosed in your

communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt"

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 3, 1889

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause the sum of Five Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars ($520,000.) to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Daniel M. Fox Supt. U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint

Oct. 3, 1889.

Hon. William Windom.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S.

at New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1889

Telegram Confirmed

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Ida.

Can recommend Mr. Brodhead of New York, an excellent assayer. Recommended by Prof. Torrey and Mr. Mason of the New York Assay Office. Telegraph if you will appoint him.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 3, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 3, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Peters' offer of Forty Thousand ounces at ninety three and five eighths, accepted.

E. O. Leech, Acting Director, Mint.

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Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 294 for $4,027.00 being on account of balance in Profit and Loss account inclosed in your communication of the 27th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

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Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 2277 for $83.37, being on account of Parting and loss inclosed in your communication of the 1st instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Duplicate certificate is returned to be retained by you.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

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October 3rd, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your communication of the 1st instant relative to the under-clerk at your office is before me.

This communication is the first knowledge received at this Bureau of the appointment of W. C. Wilkinson, and the removal of Miss Jennie Waring.

Your attention is directed to article 23 of the Instructions and Regulations of 1888.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You will please cause 1,000,000 silver dollars to be coined by your mint during the month of October.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 3d, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parcels, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

over.

Fourth National Bank New York, 75000 Ounces, at $0.9345

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Fourth National Bank	75000 Ounces, at	$0.9345
Handy & Harman	200000 Ounces, at	$0.9352
Third National Bank, N.Y.,	26,000 Ounces, at	$0.9350

October 3, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, the sum of $520,000. on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause 2000000 silver dollars to be coined by your Mint, during the month of October, if practicable.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 3, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank books for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
12 Blank books.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

October 3rd, 1889

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6000.00 to meet the expenses of the Refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

October 3rd, 1889

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of October, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $6,100.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890,	$3,300
Wages of Workmen,	1890,	2,000

over

Contingent expenses 1890 800

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

$494.80

Salaries	1889	$ 294.80	
Wages of Workmen	1889		
Contingent Expenses	1889	200.00	

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Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

In your daily statement, form #250, for September 30th, you enter as paid depositors by Check on Assistant Treasurer $266.99, while your statement of Checks drawn on the same day is for only $149.45. I will thank you for an explanation of the difference.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 3rd, 1889.

Prof. Samuel P. Langley,
Sec'y Smithsonian Institution,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication

of the 2nd instant enclosing a letter addressed to Mr. Charles E. Barber, Engraver of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, you are respectfully informed that the same has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint in that city.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint

Oct. 3, 1889.

S. Guthrie Esq.,
Room 91, Corcoran Building
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have today approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Union Pacific R.R. Co., amounting to $32.63, for transportation of one passenger from Council Bluffs to Ogden, Utah, in the month of June last.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

Oct. 3rd, 1889.

Geo. B. Williams Esq.
#700 14th Street N.W.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have today approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, two bills of the Central Pacific R.R. Co., of $27.37 each, for transportation furnished in the months of June and July 1889, for one passenger from Ogden Utah, to San Francisco and return.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

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Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your Offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Col.

Clark Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street,
New York.

Hasselage, Colgate & Company,
#29, Wall Street,
New York.

October 3, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street, New York,

Your Offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank, New York.
(+ offers for Philadelphia and New Orleans +)

Third National Bank.
New York.

Oct. 4, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, with exception here noted, to same address:

at Philadelphia

October 4th, 1889.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 25th ultimo relative to certain expenditures from the appropriation for repairs of buildings and grounds, you are authorized to contract with Mr. Peter Sound for the introduction of a hot and cold water system, as indicated in his proposal, at an expense not to exceed $300.

You are also authorized to contract for the introduction of an electric light plant to be substituted for the coal oil lamps now in use, at an expense for introduction not to exceed $100, as provided in the proposal of the Capitol Electric Light Company.

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The proposals of Mr. Donna and the Electric Light Com-
-pany are herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your telegram of the 3rd instant appointing Edward H. Brodhead to be Assistant Assayer in your institution was received, and I immediately, tele-
-graphed to Mr. Brodhead sending him a blank form of bond and notifying him to execute the same in the sum of $5,000, and to prepare to go to Boise. I may let him spend a week at the New York Assay Office to thoroughly familiarize himself with his duties, although I am informed that he is excellently well qualified for the position.
I will inform you about the date that he will be in Boise.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 4, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of silver delivered by Charles H. Peterson sale of 18,000 Ounces at 93 1/4 cents, and upon which delivery was made as ap-
-pears of 18,203.40 ounces, at the rate of purchase this would amount to $16,974.67 not $16,974.63 as stated by you. From this it would appear that

Mr. Peters had been underpaid 4 cents. The statement is returned herewith that you may make the proper correction.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4th, 1889

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 2276 for $49 being on account of ore assays quarter ended Sept. 30th 1889 inclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt." Duplicate C/D returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech.
Acting Director.

October 4th, 1889

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your communication of the 30th ultimo relative to mass melts of bars has been received.

My suggestion of making mass melts was intended to cover only such small bars as are melted at the Mint at Philadelphia into one large bar before assay. All your bars which are not re-melted before assay at Philadelphia can go as usual.

In regard to the chips, it seems to me that the best thing to do would be to melt them into a small bar, but

still we might try your plan for the present.
It is with pleasure that I note the increased deposits of gold at your Institution, and I am anxious to do all that I can to make your mint a practical benefit to the residents of Colorado.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 4, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars ($1000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Actg Director.

Similar letter, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 4th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find United States Treasury Draft No. 23475, drawn to your order for the sum of $200, for which I will thank you to forward by Adams Express Company to George W. Moss, Agent of Adams Express Co., Washington,

D.C., two hundred gold dollars of the current year's coinage.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct 4th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery & Stand. Silver Dollar Coinage and Storage Expense accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Oct. 4th, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 4th, 1889.

Telegram

Gen. George H. Sharpe,
Kingston, N. Y.

Have appointed Edward H. Brodhead assistant assayer Boise City, Idaho, compensation five dollars a day. Blank bond forwarded you to-day which he will execute

in five thousand dollars. Have him prepare to leave for Boisé, and inform me by wire when he will start.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 4th, 1889.

Gen. George H. Sharpe,
Kingston, N. Y.

Sir:

I telegraphed you this morning that Mr. Edward H. Brodhead would be appointed Assistant Assayer in the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, Idaho.

I enclose herewith a blank form of official bond and affidavits of surety and oath of office. It will be necessary for him to execute a bond in the penal sum of $5,000 with good and sufficient surety, and subscribe to an official oath before some judge, and forward the papers, when executed, to this Bureau for examination and approval.

I think it would be well for Mr. Brodhead to spend a few days, say a week, at the New York Assay Office in order to become familiar with their methods of assaying and thoroughly qualify himself for the duties of the office on which he is about to enter.

As soon as I hear from him or you on the subject I will write to Mr. Mason or Prof. Torrey to afford him the necessary facilities to come to Washington, but I would like to know the date on which he intends to start for Boisé City.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

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1-will not be necessary for him

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Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Forty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-one $\frac{94}{100}$ Dollars ($48,941.\frac{94}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Thirty-five $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars ($535.\frac{23}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty nine Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-seven $\frac{27}{100}$ Dollars, ($49477.\frac{29}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer-in-Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated Sept. 21, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech,
Act'g Director.

Oct. 5, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending September 30, 1889.

Very Respectfully
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Oct. 5th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7681 for $520.94 being on account of charges for melting assaying & Stamping 1st qr. 1890 inclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

5 Similar letters except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 7682 for $122.68 + + value of sweeps bar + +
– + – – + +

C. D. No. 7683 for $100.30 + + sale of old material + +
+ no personal credit to be given you in your accounts +

C. D. No. 7684 for $4.– + + Assays of bullion + +
– + no personal credit to be given you in your accounts – –

C. D. No. 7685 for $5.50 + + sale of old material + +
– + no personal credit to be given you in your accounts +

C. D. No. 7686 for $1.50, being on account of sale of old material 1st quarter 1890 + + +
+ no personal credit to be given you in your accounts
– – – + + + +

Oct. 5, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Sept 21, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 8 dated Sept 17, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $49,603.$\frac{13}{100}$; charges $125.$\frac{86}{100}$, and net value $49,477.$\frac{27}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acty Director of the Mint.

October 5th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to shipment No. 8 from your mint to the Mint at Philadelphia on which there was a shortage of $33.88, I have had test assays made by the Assayer of this Bureau of all the bars contained in the shipment, including the large mass melt and I find that they agree substantially with Philadelphia. In addition I had the Assayer of this Bureau go to Philadelphia, and confer with Mr. Eckfeldt, the Assayer of that institution, on the subject of the recent differences in your shipments. The assays of the shipment in question were made by Mr. Eckfeldt in person.

It seems to be the opinion of Mr. Eckfeldt, as well as of the Assayer of this Bureau, that there is some trouble with the proof gold used at your Mint.

If the proof gold and silver used in your institution were made by your assayer I would suggest that you purchase from your contingent appropriation, say an ounce of pure gold and 15 ounces of pure silver, or such an amount as you may deem necessary from the mint at Philadelphia or the assay office at Newyork, to be kept as a stock on hand and used for assay purposes. I think this will avoid any future differences, and as this is very desirable I suggest that it be done at once.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

If the proof gold and proof silver in use in your institution were made by your assay department, I suggest with a view to avoid any further differences between your shipments and the results ascertained at Philadelphia, that you purchase a supply of proof gold and proof silver, say an ounce of the former and fifteen ounces of the latter, or as much as you may think necessary from the mint at Philadelphia or the assay office at New York, and keep the same as a stock on hand. You can pay for it from your regular contingent appropriation. I think this would have the tendency to avoid any further differences between your shipments and the results ascertained at Philadelphia.

I had the Assayer of this bureau make some test assays and also go to Philadelphia

and confer with Mr. Eckfeldt, and I am satisfied that the trouble lies in the proof gold used in your institution.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant in relation to the proposed change in the water-closet system of your Mint, you are hereby authorized to invite proposals for the work immediately by letters to the excavator companies to which you refer.

You will submit the proposals, with your recommendations, to this Bureau before final action is taken. The necessary Expenditures will be paid from your appropriation for contingent Expenses.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your statement of Silver purchased during the month of September is returned herewith in order that you may insert the name of the seller of 161.82 ounces on the 27th ultimo.

Please cause this to be done and the statement returned to this Bureau without delay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause the following proof coins to be struck for the use of the Treasury Department, viz:

200 Standard Silver Dollars	=	$200.00
100 Half Dollars	=	50.00
100 Quarter Dollars	=	25.00
100 Dimes	=	10.00
100 Five Cent Nickel Pieces	=	5.00
100 Three Cent Nickel Pieces	=	3.00
100 Bronze Cents	=	1.00
		$294.00

These coins will be furnished at their face value and for which the Treasurer will draw his transfer order on you. Please cause the same to be struck as early as practicable, notifying this Bureau when they are ready.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith medal fund vouchers signed in duplicate for remounting six (6) silver life saving medals and express charges paid, and also enclose draft of Geo. A. Bartlett, Disbursing Clerk, on Assistant Treasurer at New York for $12.20 in payment for remounting the above named medals.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, Acting Director of the Mint.

October 5, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Assistant Treasurer at New York instructed by mail yesterday to place one million dollars to your credit and to notify you by wire.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

October 5th, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Yours of the 3rd. instant relative to facilities for assaying Mexican ores is before me. Before taking any action in the matter I would suggest that it is preferable not to ask any re-imbursement for this work either in the way of increasing the receipts or securing a proper outfit.

You will shortly move into your new quarters. It is hoped, and the item of rent, which you are now called upon to pay, will be dispensed with and your appropriation will probably be ample to secure the necessary apparatus, as well as to provide for any additional expense connected with the work.

I am willing to afford you every facility for the proper performance of the duties required of you by allowing you to erect in your quarters in the new building such apparatus as you may think necessary. It will then belong to the Mint Service, whereas if it was paid for from the Customs appropriation, on the cessation of the work it would belong to them.

In regard to the comparison between the receipts and ex-

-penditures showing the percentage of cost at your institu-
-tion, that is a matter of no very great moment, and it will
be my purpose as well as pleasure, to explain in my re-
-port to the Secretary, under the head of your assay office,
the additional work in this line which has been done by you.

If you will submit by the 15th instant a brief resumé of
your additional work, proper credit will be given you
and your office for the increased work which is being done.

I submit these suggestions for your consideration be-
-fore taking any definite action in the premises.

Doubtless it will be possible to secure an allowance
from the Customs appropriation for the erection & the neces-
-sary outfit but as your own appropriation will be ample,
and, as I have suggested, the outfit will then be the proper-
-ty of the Mint Service, it seems to me that it would be
best to use our own appropriations rather than ask
assistance from other branches of the Government.
In this connection — I would like to know for my own
information, as well as for the information ~~as~~ of the Supervising Architect, something
about the condition of the repairs to the old Government
building, and when it will be practicable for you to
take possession of your new quarters. As I have
intimated, I desire them fitted up in the very best
manner as far as apparatus and machinery for
conducting the work is concerned, within your appro-
-priations, and I will approve all necessary
expenditures looking to this end.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 7th, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.,

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith estimates of appropriations for the Mint service for the fiscal year 1891.

The amount of the estimates is $1,139,260, against $1,141,140 appropriated for the current fiscal year, a reduction of $1,880.

I have estimated for an Assistant Messenger in my own Bureau at a Salary of $720, in place of a Helper at $500 a year, an increase of $220, the duties of the position being entirely out of proportion to the Salary attached.

At the Assay Office at Boisé City, I have asked that the salary of the principal clerk be increased from $1200 to $1600. This clerk is really the chief clerk of the institution, and has charge of the business of the institution in the absence of the Assayer-in-charge.

I have recommended a reduction of $1500 in the appropriation for "Wages and Contingent Expenses" of the same institution.

I have also recommended a reduction of $1000 in the appropriation for "Wages of Workmen" at the Mint at Denver.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint

Oct. 7, 1889.

Hon. Wm Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Gabriel Montigny, Supt. of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars ($280,000.00) on account of profits on the coinage of Standard Silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson Nev.

Sir:

By to-day's mail there were received at this Bureau a letter addressed by you to the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco on the 30th ultimo enclosing your checks for charges collected during the quarter ended September 30. The same have this day been mailed to the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco together with the Statement of checks drawn on that day and your request for check-books.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed

Peters' offer of nineteen thousand ounces at ninety-three and five eighths cents accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director, Mint.

October 7, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of October, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $231.70, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1889 $231.70

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Oct. 7th 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 7, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

You will please have the cutting machine belonging to this Bureau thoroughly repaired and returned to the Bureau as early as practicable - this week certain.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York

Sir:

The quotation for exchange sent by you to-day did not reach the Bureau until 1.30 P. M. and consequently delayed the consideration of the silver offers until this hour. I will thank you hereafter to cause these quotations to be sent on Monday and Thursday of each week in time to reach the Bureau by 12 o'clock, M.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 7th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have appointed Edward H. Broadhead, jr., as assistant assayer at Boise City, and have advised him to stop at your institution for a few days before his departure for Boise. Please afford him every facility for familiarizing himself with practical assaying.

Respectfully Yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has this day been requested to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in your name, the sum of $280,000.00 on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 7th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank, 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9340

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman,	100,000	Ounces, at	$0.9334
Fourth National Bank,	75,000	Ounces, at	$0.9335

October 7, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $22,000., payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$2,000
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	20,000

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 7, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith wax impression of two new seals for boxes containing silver dollars, for which the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans has made requisition upon this Bureau. If practicable, I will thank you to have the same prepared by the Engraver of your mint and forwarded to New Orleans. If not, please procure them from outside parties at the lowest rate for which they can be obtained, forwarding to the Mint at New Orleans and advising this Bureau of your action.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 7th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $13,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, Act February 28, 1878, to meet, in part, the expense of that coinage at your mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

October 7, 1889.

To the
Assistant Treasurer, U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The enclosed communication addressed you by the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, Nev. enclosing his checks for $6,614.99 to be deposited in the Treasury on account of parting and refining and alloy charges collected by him during the quarter ended September 30, were received by to-days mail.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1889.

Telegram

W. A. Meyendorf,
Helena, Montana.

Appointment of assayer at Boise was filled before your dispatch reached me.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1889.

Telegram

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offers for Philadelphia and New Orleans accepted.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

October 7, 1889.

Telegram

Handy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

October 7, 1889.

Telegram

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Col.

Clark Dodge & Co.,
#51 Wall Street, New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street, New York.

Oct. 8, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars, ($17,330.\frac{82}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Sixty $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars ($60.\frac{80}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety one $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars ($17,391.\frac{62}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte as shown by Memorandum, dated Oct. 3rd, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Oct. 8, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars ($11,770.\frac{72}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Two Hundred and $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars ($200.\frac{53}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-one $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars ($11,971.\frac{25}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum dated Oct. 3rd, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Oct. 8, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Oct. 3, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 9 dated Sept 30, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $17 425.$\frac{55}{100}$; Charges $33.$\frac{93}{100}$ and net value $17 391.$\frac{62}{100}$: For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Act'g Director of the Mint

Oct. 8, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank books for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Coiner's Account book of Gold Workings.
1 Monthly Time book.
1 Coiner's Silver delivery book.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

+ + 2 Books Gold Assay receipts.

October 8, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

25 Monthly statements of balances (Form No. 249)

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

1 1 blank forms & book + + + +
1 Receipt book for Gold clippings.
500 Sheet Accounts.

1 1 + + + +

Oct. 8, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Oct. 3, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 95 dated Sept. 30, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $12,002.63, charges $31.38, and net value $11,971.25. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 8, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans.

Sir:

C. D. No. 84 for $117.73, being on account of Parting & Refining Charges quarter ended Sept. 30, 1889 inclosed in your communication of the 3rd inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 85 for $1.43 + + + Alloy Charges, quarter ended Sept. 30th 1889. + + + + + + as a Miscellaneous receipt. + + +

Similar letter, except as noted below, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

C. D. No. 311 for $247.70, + + Sales of old materials quarter ended Sept 30th/89 + + + 30th ultimo + + + + in your accounts + + + as a Miscellaneous receipt. + + + + + +

October 8, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Send the dollars for Mr. Moss, Agent of Adams Express Company, to-day without fail, even if Mr. Fox cannot endorse Draft. It will be all right.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint

October 8, 1889.

Hon C. A. Bergen,
Camden, N. J.

Sir:

Referring to your verbal request of yesterday you are informed that the contract for Pine Charcoal required by the Mint at Philadelphia during the current fiscal year, was awarded by the Superintendent of that institution to Mr. Gardy at 12 cents per bushel and the award approved by the Director of the Mint July 17 and a regular contract entered into with Mr. Gardy, accompanied by a bond on his part for the fulfilment of the same.

The contract cannot therefore be annulled unless the charcoal furnished by Mr. Gardy should not be up to the requirements.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 9th 1889

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October, 1889, has been ap-

proved for the sum of $869.60, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1890	$269.60
Wages of Workmen,	1890	
Contingent Expenses,	1890	600.00

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

$11,000.00

Salaries,	1890	$2,500
Wages of Workmen,	1890	6,500
Contingent Expenses,	1890	2,000

October 9th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2,000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Oct. 9th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City

Sir:

C.D. No. 293 for $16179 being on account of sales of old material qr. ended Sept. 30, 1889, inclosed in your communication of the 3rd inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

Oct 9, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion and Coin Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending June 30, 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Oct. 9, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

25 Abstracts of disbursements (Form No. 53 A.)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Oct. 9, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
500 Daily Statements of Cashier's balances, receipts and payments. (Form No. 231 A.)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 9, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant in reference to the quotation for exchange and asking at what hour it should be forwarded, you will please forward it at 11.30 A. M. or just as soon as it can be obtained. It is very necessary that this Bureau should have these quotations promptly.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 9th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 7th instant furnishing certain information in regard to the shipments of gold to Europe has been received.

I beg to express my appreciation of the pains which you have taken to secure valuable information on this perplexing subject, and thank you for the

very valuable information which you have placed me in possession of.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 9th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Medal Fund Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending September 30, 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 9th, 1889.

E. O. Reichhelm & Co.,
80 Nassau Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

When the blower furnished by you was put in place the "Reservoir Drum" was found to project three inches beyond the blower, which interferes with the belting to such an extent that it is impossible to run the machine. Would the drum work if three inches shorter? If not we will have to order one of greater diameter and shorter.

I am anxious to get the blower in working order, and request a reply at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 9th 1889.

Joseph Wharton, Esq.,
P.O. Box 1332,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your communication of the 8th instant transmitting a copy of a letter addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, has been received.

In reply I would say that I am not prepared to consider the matter of contracts for new blanks until the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has sent me the proposals with his recommendation.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1889.

W. H. Dooley, Esq.,
Belleville, Ontario.
Canada.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant you are informed that you can obtain from the Mint at Philadelphia, a proof set of minor coins which now consist of the one cent bronze, three cent and five cent nickel pieces for 1889, the cost of which will be twelve cents.

The two cent bronze piece has not been coined since 1873. You could only obtain proof sets of these coins (prior to the current year) from some coin dealer as the Mint does not keep any on hand after the year of coinage.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 0th, 1889

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In requested in your communication of the 12th ultimo I have prepared and have the honor to submit herewith for insertion in your annual report for 1889 a statement showing the stock of money in circulation in the United States on June 30, 1889.

I also transmit a table showing the correct amount of state bank circulation outstanding each year back to 1863, and a statement showing the correct amount of fractional currency outstanding since 1880, and I suggest that the figures contained in these statements be inserted in the table in lieu of the figures heretofore published.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 10, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty Thousand Five Hundred and Forty six $\frac{33}{100}$ Dollars ($20,546\frac{33}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Sixty Two $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars ($262\frac{82}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred and nine $\frac{15}{100}$ Dollars ($20,809\frac{15}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum dated October 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, Acting Director.

October 10, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-seven $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars ($10,427.\frac{25}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Sixty-six $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars ($166\frac{57}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-three $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars, ($10,593.\frac{82}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis Mo. as shown by Memorandum dated October 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 10, 1889.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Five Thousand and Fifty-four $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars ($5,054.\frac{62}{100}$) in Gold Coin, making a total of Five Thousand and Fifty-four $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars, ($5,054.\frac{62}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum dated Oct. 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion, deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 10th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Ida.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of even date approving the appointment of Edward H. Broadhead, Jr., as assistant assayer in your office, you will notice that I have approved the compensation at $5 a day, instead of $150 a month, as submitted by you.

It was not my intention to increase the compensation of this position to $150 a month, but to pay $5 a day, which is about what is paid assayers at the other institutions. You will understand that he is to be paid only for working days, which is the practice at all the other institutions and conformable to the law.

It is preferable, in paying wages, to pay by the day, as is done in all the Mints and assay offices, than by the month, which applies only to salaried officers.

I have decided to let Mr. Broadhead stay at the New York Assay Office for a week or two in order to perfect himself in assaying before he leaves for Boise. He is at New York now, and I will notify you about the date of his departure.

While on the subject of compensation I will say to you that in submitting my estimates for the support of the Mint service for the next fiscal year the only increase that I recommended in the entire service was that of the clerk of your office. I asked that his salary be increased from $1,200 to $1,600. I hope that you will second my efforts to accomplish this, through your representative and friends in Congress.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 10th, 1889.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Oct. 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 9 dated Sept. 30, 1889 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $20,861.46/100; Charges $52.31/100 and net value $20,809.15/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech.
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Fourth National Bank 75000 Ounces, at $0.9350
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 115000 Ounces, at $0.9356

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + Clark Dodge & Co. 150,000 Ounces, at $0.9348

Oct. 10, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins received at the U. S. Mint at New Orleans during the month of September and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for Special Assay have been received, viz:

26 S. S. Dollars	$ 26.00

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Act'g. Director of the Mint.

Similar letters with exceptions noted below, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Philadelphia	
22 S. S. Dollars	$ 22.00
60 Dimes	6.00
2 Gold Dollars	2.00
Total	$ 30.00

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

San Francisco	
12 Double Eagles	$ 240.00
10 Eagles	100.00
Total	$ 340.00

Oct. 10, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Oct 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 96 dated Oct. 4th, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $5,056.$\frac{04}{100}$, Charges $1.$\frac{42}{100}$, and net value $5,054.$\frac{62}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

Shipment No. 97 gross value $10,624.$\frac{68}{100}$, Charges $29.$\frac{86}{100}$, and net value $10,593.$\frac{82}{100}$

October 10, 1889.

To the
Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a telegram from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans stating that a supply of Ingot Copper is required immediately. I will thank you to inform me by telegraph on receipt hereof, when the twenty (20) tons

ordered from you on the 16th ultimo were shipped.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint

Oct. 10, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1,000 Bags - Refined Gold deposit.
1,000 Assay, Coin Certificates.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

October 10, 1889.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed

Your Offer of One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Ounces for New Orleans at ninety three and fifty six hundredths cents accepted.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

October 10, 1889.

Telegram

Clark Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director, Mint.

October 10, 1889.

Telegram

Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer of seventy five thousand ounces for New Orleans at ninety three and five tenths cents accepted Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

October 10, 1889.

Telegram

Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegram addressed to:

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

October 11, 1889.

To the
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with circular letter of the 10th instant I have the honor to report that no messengers, assistant messengers, watchmen, laborers or workmen are employed in the Bureau of the Mint in a clerical capacity.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Acting Director

October 11, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In your daily statement of the 4th instant you enter checks drawn on the Boise City National Bank for $1,045.42. No list of checks accompanies the statement. I will thank you to forward the same to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11th, 1889.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

On the 4th ultimo your personal account for expenses incurred in the collection of the statistics of the production of the precious metals was returned to you for completion, in the matter of dating the items of the account. I will thank you to supply the omission and return the voucher at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed

Ten casks of copper shipped you to-day from Baltimore.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 11th, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1889. Hereafter in forwarding your accounts please do not omit letter of transmittal.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Oct. 11th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am informed by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia that he forwarded to you yesterday by registered mail Two (2) seals to be used in sealing boxes containing silver dollars. I will thank you to inform this Bureau when the seals are received.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to an inquiry by Lewis J. Prisson of 111 Princess Street, Wilmington, N. C. as to where he could dispose of some silver bullion he had on hand, he was informed by this Bureau under date of the 30th ultimo that if he would forward the same either your Mint or the Mint at New

Orleans it would be purchased at the rate you were authorized to pay for silver bullion on the day of its receipt at the Mint. I am to-day in receipt of a communication from Mr. Boisson stating that he had forwarded the bullion to your mint and it had been returned to him because it was under one hundred dollars in value.

As many of the small lots of silver purchased at your mint are of less value than $100.- I will thank you to inform me who this bullion of Mr. Boisson was returned.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint

October 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The stock of 5 cent nickel pieces at the Sub-Treasury, New York, is exhausted. A transfer order will be drawn upon you to-day for $10,000.- in 5 cent nickel pieces for that office. You will ship $5000.- of this sum as early as practicable giving the transfer of the Treasury preference to that extent over any prior orders you may have on hand.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish me with a statement of the amount of one cent bronze

and five cent nickel blanks on hand, as well as the amount due you from the Contractor under last requisition made upon him.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th instant stating that you had forwarded by Registered mail to the Mint at New Orleans two (2) seals requested in my letter of the 7th instant. I will thank you to render a duplicate account for these seals as you forwarded only an original bill.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 11th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7496 for $135000.- being on account of Minor Coinage Profits inclosed in your communication of the 10th instant has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your billion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as Profits on Minor Coinage.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It appearing that the stock of one cent bronze pieces in the Sub-Treasury at Cincinnati is nearly exhausted, you will until further notice fill orders for these coins received from Cincinnati.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward record of coins reserved for annual assay, form #125, for August and September.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant in reference to the 253 Barrels of Sweeps on hand at your mint and which you are unable to sell I will thank you to ascertain what would be the cost of shipping these sweeps to New York by sailing vessel, including insurance and to report result of your inquiry to this Bureau when further instructions will

be given you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1889.

E. DeCuy, Esq.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your bill of this date for remodeling one type-writer, amounting to $45.00, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for adjustment and settlement, and a draft for the amount will probably reach you within ten days.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 11, 1889.

Mrs. Dr. L. Hutchins,
Oxford, Pa.

Madam:-

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant you are informed that this Bureau cannot give advice in regard to the opening of mines or their development. You should communicate either with your State Geologist or with some competent mining engineer. Appointments in the mints are made by the Superintendents of those institutions and not by the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, $200,000.- by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National and Denver National Banks, Denver, Colorado.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

State by wire 15-day amount and cost of Silver including partings, charges and bar fractions, purchased in September.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

October 12, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of

Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($200000 00) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National and Denver National Bank's, Denver, Colorado.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

Oct. 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following blank book for official use has been mailed you this day, viz:
1 Book of Gold receipts.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

Oct. 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending September 30, 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Oct. 14, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be

made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. & that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-four 60/100 Dollars, ($50,584.60/100) in Gold Coin and Five Hundred and Fifty-nine 49/100 Dollars ($559.49/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-one Thousand One Hundred and Forty-four 09/100 Dollars ($51,144.09/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated Oct. 5th, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director

Oct. 14, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena & that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-two Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-one 20/100 Dollars ($32,421.20/100,) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Six 00/100 Dollars ($306.00/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-two Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-seven 20/100 Dollars ($32,727.20/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated October 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 14th 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 14th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

C. D. No. 620 for $199.84 being on account of Charges Assaying, Melting and Stamping 1st qr. 1890 inclosed in your communication of the 9th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

Two Similar letters, except as noted below, to same address:

C. D. No. 621 for $29.35 + + Sweeps for 1st quarter 1890 + + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 622 for $70.- + + Bullion Assays, quarter ended Sept. 30th 1889 + + + + no personal credit to be given you in your accounts + + +

Oct. 14, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson Nev.

Sir:
I send you by To-days mail a supply of blank forms No. 61 and 61½ which I will thank you to use in preparing your statements in the future.
You will please forward immediately your statement (#61½) of bars manufactured during September.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 14, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:
The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
250 Coinage Statements (Form No. 246)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

Oct. 14, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:
I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20000.—) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

Oct. 14, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Oct. 5, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 9 dated Sept. 30, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $51273.23; charges $129.14 and net value $51,144.09. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 14, 1889.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Oct. 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 9 dated Sept. 30, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $32,803.08/100, charges $75.88/100, and net value $32,727.20/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 14, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100000 Ounces, at $0.9395
Fourth National Bank, N.Y. 75000 Ounces, at $0.9395

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted &:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

American Exchange National Bank, 150,000 Ounces, at $0.9388.

Oct. 14, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find your Tabulated statement of expenditures for the fiscal year 1889. Your attention is especially called to Coinage reported thereon which is erroneous in every particular. I will be pleased if you will explain where the figures were obtained.

You will please notice that I have caused the items for Charcoal and Iron & Steel to be reduced

by the amounts of the repayments, $150.66, (the former by $53.95 and the latter by $96.71) instead of simply reducing the totals. The item of Wages of Workmen of the Engraver's department has also been reduced by the amount repaid by other mints.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 14, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith memorandum of Sweep Bar from Denver for correction. No charges should be imposed upon this bar. You will please make the necessary correction and return the same to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1889.

John Shipman, Esq.
Mill Creek P. O.
Indian Territory.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant you are informed that you can have an assay made for gold and silver at the U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C. at the rate of $3.00 for each assay. No premium is given by the United States for the discovery of gold and silver. I cannot advise you in regard to working Mines.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1889.

To the
Phoenix Manufacturing Company,
Taunton Mass.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, you are informed that the contract for crucibles for the Carson Mint was awarded by the Superintendent and operative officers to the agent of the Dixon Crucible Company, and the award approved by this Bureau August 22nd last. The Superintendent and operative officers of the Carson Mint state that they awarded the contract to the Dixon Company because they considered it to be the most advantageous and in the end it would prove the cheapest as these crucibles had been satisfactorily employed in the service of this Mint for thirty years and in awarding the contract, the quality and endurance of the same were considered.

No sample of crucibles, covers or dippers of your manufacture were furnished to enable tests or comparisons to be made. The prices at which the contract was awarded are as follows;
Crucibles, 2¾¢ per number from #12 to #1000; under #12, 4¢ per number. Covers #2, $1.00 per dozen.
Dipping Cups, No. 3, $6.75 per dozen.
No. 2 $6.25 per dozen.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Carson states that he has received no communication from you since your bid was submitted.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1889.

J. K. Spiegel, Esq.
Greensburg, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant you are informed that the weight of the twenty dollar gold piece when issued by the Mint, is 516 grains, troy.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1889.

Publisher, New York Times,
New York.

Sir:

Please forward to this Bureau the daily, including the Sunday, edition of the New York Times for one year and transmit your account for settlement.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

October 14, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

American Exchange National Bank.
New York.

Your offer of one hundred and fifty thousand ounces, at ninety three and eighty-eight hundredths cents, accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1889.

Telegram — Boston & Colorado Smelting Company.
Denver, Col.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Handy & Harman.
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

October 14, 1889.

Telegram — Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

October 14, 1889.

Telegram — Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Confirm

Your offer for New Orleans accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director, Mint.

Oct. 15th, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund

of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution as follows, viz:
$10,000 with U. S. Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco and $10,000 with the Boisé City National Bank, Boisé City.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 15, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:
I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20000.-), and that $10,000.- of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco and balance of $10000 Cc/100 with Boisé City National Bank, Boisé City, Idaho.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Oct. 15, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I. T.

Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expence account, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending September 30, 1889,

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech, Acting Director.

Similar letter to:
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

October 15th, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

You will please telegraph this Bureau, at the close of business on the last day of this month the value of the gold and the cost value of the silver, two items only, in your office at that date, including any shipments to the mint at Philadelphia which have not reached the mint at the date of your telegram, and you will forward a statement by mail the same day.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

October 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson Nevada.

Sir:

You will please telegraph this Bureau at the close of business on the last day of this month the value of the gold and the cost value of the silver in your mint at that date, and forward a statement by mail, two items only.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

October 15, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

You will please forward to this bureau a statement, at the close of business the last day of this month of the value of the gold and cost value of the silver in your office at that date, including the value of any shipment to Philadelphia which has not reached the mint at the date of preparing the statement.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

October 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You will please forward a statement to be mailed at the close of business on the last day of this month, showing the value of the gold and the cost value of the silver, two items only, in your mint at that date.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Oct. 15th, 1889

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

Sir:

C. D. No. 91 for $579.47, being on account of charges for Melting Assaying & Stamping bullion 1st qr. 1890 inclosed in your communication of the 10th inst, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Similar letter, except as noted below, to same address:

C. D. No. 92 for $38. + + bullion assays 1st quarter 1890 + + + + no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, + + + + + + +

Two similar letters except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco

+ + + + + + + C. D. No. 345 for $523.41, + + + Alloy charges quarter ended Sept 30th 1889 + + communication of the 9th instant, + + + + + + +

C. D. No. 346 for $6051.90 + + Parting and Refining charges 1st Quarter 1890 + + + 9th inst. + + + + + + + + + to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining bullion. + + + + + + +

October 15th, 1889.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed please find United States Treasury draft [No. 23487] made payable to your order, for the sum of $200, for which you will please send to E. J. Platt, Agent of the United States Express Company at the Treasury Department, 200 gold dollars of current year's coinage.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1889

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed

With the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, have decided to accept the bid of Merchant & Co. for five cent and one cent blanks provided they can commence delivery within ten days. Draw up contract with bond of indemnity in the sum of ten thousand dollars - have the same executed by Merchant & Co. and forward.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director, Mint.

October 15, 1889

Telegram

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Make contract with Merchant & Co. for amount of blanks advertised for, only.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

October 15, 1889.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith the bids for one cent bronze and five cent nickel blanks enclosed in your letter of the 11th instant. The lowest bidder, W. H. Crumps & Co not possessing facilities for manufacturing blanks, it has been decided with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to accept the bid of Messrs. Merchant & Co. for five cent blanks at forty cents (40¢) per pound, and for one cent blanks at twenty-six cents (26¢) per pound. You will therefore proceed without delay, as telegraphed you to-day, to enter into a contract for these blanks with Messrs. Merchant & Co. they executing a bond of indemnity in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10000.-) for the faithful performance of the same.

Messrs. Merchant & Co. were advised by telegram to-day of the decision that their bid would be accepted, provided they could commence delivery within ten days which it is presumed they are prepared to do.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 15th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
1000 Silver bullion Quotations (Form No. 126)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Oct. 15th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
5000 Certificates of Gold deposit.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Actg Director.

October 15th, 1889.

The Globe Machine Company,
Charles H. Lockett, Manager,
35 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I find on inquiry that the rolls used at the Mints are of two kinds, both steel and chilled iron, and I give you makers as follows:
The Crescent Steel Works, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Garrison & Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.; whose rolls are much lower in price than those of Moss & Gamble, Sheffield, England.
The Farrell Foundry & Machine Company, of Waterbury, Conn., are also makers of rolls. I think as a general rule preference is given to steel rolls as far more durable, and capable of repair, though far more expensive at first cost.
If you will apply to any of the above named houses you can obtain prices and very likely a condition as to guarantee.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 15, 1889.

Telegram

Gen. Geo. H. Sharpe,
Roadout, N. Y.

No objection to Brodhead remaining at New York several weeks longer. His compensation will not begin until he reaches Boise.

E. O. Leech,
Acting Director.

October 15, 1889.

Telegram

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Col.

Confirmed

At what rate will you deliver one hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver at the Mint at San Francisco within thirty days? Approximate payment on delivery by draft on New York.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director.

Similar telegrams sent to: (Exceptions noted below:)

Telegram Confirmed

Edward Bush, Assistant Secretary,
Care Fourth National Bank, New York.
+ + two hundred and fifty thousand ounces + +

Telegram Confirmed

Omaha and Grant Smelting and Refining Company,
Omaha, Nebraska.
+ + five hundred thousand ounces + +

Telegram Confirmed

St. Louis Smelting and Refining Company,
St. Louis, Missouri.
+ + one hundred thousand ounces + +
+ + + + + +

October 15, 1889.

Mr. Wm D. Lindsay,
Care Newark Nickel Plating Co.,
44 - 52 Lawrence St.,
Newark, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 11th inst. I beg to inform you that I have no positions at my disposal. The positions in this bureau come under the civil service law, and the appointments in the mints are made by the officers in charge.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1889.

Miss Myrtie M. Beers,
2204 Van Pelt St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter I beg to say in reply that appointments in the Mint at Philadelphia are not made by me but by the Superintendent of the Mint and your proper course would be to make application to him, with such political endorsements as you may be able to secure.

I return herewith the letters of my brother and Senator Mitchell.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1889.

Telegram

Merchant and Company,
#517 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed

Have decided to accept your bid for five cent nickel and one cent bronze blanks provided you can commence delivery within ten days. Have instructed the Superintendent to draw up contract with bond of indemnity.

E. O. Leech
Acting Director Mint.

October 15, 1889.

Messrs. Merchant & Co.
#517 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

You were informed to-day by telegram that I had decided to accept your bid for five cent nickel and one cent bronze blanks, provided you would agree to commence the delivery of the same within ten days, entering into a contract for the faithful performance of the same with a bond of indemnity in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.) for the fulfilment of the contract. You will please confer, if you have not already done so, with the Superintendent of the Mint, who will furnish you with a form of contract and bond.

It is of great importance that you should commence the delivery of the blanks within the time specified as the demand for the five cent nickel and one cent bronze pieces is very great, and any considerable delay on the part of the Mint in filling orders will cause a complaint to the department by the public, which it is desirable should be avoided if possible.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1889.

Geo. W. Moss, Esq.
Agent Adams Express Company,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I return herewith your account for the transportation of silver coin from Tampa, Fla. to Key West, amounting to $2.90 which sum is payable by the New Orleans Mint and should be presented to that institution.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 15, 1889.

J. Fenner Lee, Esq.,
Chief Clerk,
Department of State.

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Book #2

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of yesterday, and the telegram of to-day, relative to the products of the Mexican mines, and to thank you for your prompt attention to my request.

Entered in Mirror

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 15th, 1889.

Andrew W. Smyth, Esq.,
New Orleans,
Louisiana.

Sir:

A Commission from the President, bearing date of the 10th instant appointing you Superintendent of the United States Mint at New Orleans, Louisiana, has been received at this Bureau.

The necessary blanks to enable you to qualify

were mailed you a few days ago. Your bond, which should be in the penal sum of $100000, will be forwarded to this Bureau when executed. Upon the approval of the same your commission will be mailed you.

The official oath should be subscribed on the day you enter upon duty. Please advise me when you will enter upon duty.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1889.

Mr. Bernard St. Gaudens.
270 W. 37th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to inquire how soon the dies for the Francis Joseph Medal will be completed. The friends of this gentleman are very anxious to have the medal completed at as early a date as possible, and I trust that you will use all expedition in finishing the work intrusted to you by the Chairman of the Committee on Library. I send to your address by express to day a copy in bronze of the life saving medal as suggested by the Director, Dr. Kimball. When you are through with it you will please return it to this Bureau by express.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 16, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending September 30, 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Oct. 16, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant I enclose herewith blank requisitions upon the station-ery division of the Department upon which all requis-itions for stationery must be made. They will of course be sent through this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 16, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant enclosing Certificate of Deposit for $2.97 being amount received for copper solution sold for the quarter ended September 30, 1889, I will thank you to state the number of pounds sold.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 16th 1889.

Assayer U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

200 Statements of Gold Bullion forwarded (Form No. 131 A.)
200 " " " " (" " 131 B.)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 16, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 24th ultimo, statement of Medals made during the fiscal year 1889, herewith returned, I beg to direct your attention to the table of medals for the fiscal year 1888, published on page 148 of the last report of this Bureau, and to ask you to arrange the list for the fiscal year 1889 as nearly as possible with the descriptions contained in that table. I refer especially to the Army Marksmanship and other Army medals, the purpose being to promote uniformity as nearly as possible in the published list of medals. I would inquire whether the 110 "Washington" medals enumerated in your letter were "Washington before Boston".

Please return your communication of the 24th ultimo with a revised list, following the form on page 148 of the last report as nearly as practicable.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 16th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7498 for $10.924.04, being on account of Minor Coinage Profits inclosed in your communication of the 15th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury on account of Minor Coinage Profits.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 16, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish me for my annual report, at your earliest convenience, the information contained on page 7 of the last fiscal report, only covering the fiscal year 1889, commencing at next to the last paragraph on the page "the number" and ending with "$3,253.64".

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me when the proof coins ordered in letter from this Bureau October 5th for the Treasury Department

will be ready.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 16th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

8000 Assayer's reports on Gold Bullion. (Form No. 39 a.)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director

October 16, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

Ascertain lowest rates at which you can obtain from One hundred thousand to five hundred thousand ounces of silver in your market, and telegraph them for action.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

October 16, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegraph me what is the market price of Silver in San Francisco to-day.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 16, 1889.

Mr. Edward Brush, Assistant Secretary,
Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
29 Nassau St., New York.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of yesterday, relative to the sale of 250,000 ounces of Silver for delivery at the Mint at San Francisco, and replying to your query as to whether the government intends to buy regularly, for the San Francisco Mint, I would reply that that depends upon the price at which silver can be obtained. If Silver can be obtained for delivery at San Francisco at what the Department considers a reasonable price it is the intention of the Department to purchase a stock for that mint.

The proposition which I made you to bid in 250,000 ounces will remain open for a few days.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1889.

Isaac B. Morris, Esq.
Richmond, Indiana.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant requesting a statement showing the amount of gold coinage to date I forward you by to-day's mail a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888. Upon page 207 of this report you will find the total gold coinage to June 30, 1888 given as $1,474,000,867. Add to this the coinage for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, $25,543,910, gives the total coinage of the Mints from their organization to June 30, 1889 as $1,499 543,717.

The price paid by the government for silver varies with the market price, changes occurring almost daily. The rates paid for the last purchases made were 93.88 and 93.95 cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 17, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($500000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 17th, 1889.

Hon. Asa C. Mathews,
First Comptroller, U. S. Treasury.
Washington D. C.

Sir:

Herewith transmitted, for file in your office, please find the official bond of Andrew W. Smyth, recently appointed Superintendent of the United States Mint at New Orleans La.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Telegram Confirmed

October 17, 1889.

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Offer of Peters declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Oct. 17th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending September 30, 1889.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Oct. 17th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank 50,000 Ounces, at $ 0.9388
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 65000 Ounces, at $ 0.9375

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

over

Handy & Harman, 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9374

October 17th 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find a draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York for the sum of $20 for which you will please forward by Adams Express to Hon. Geo. Mc. Batcheller, Asst. Secty. Treasury, twenty gold dollars of this year's coinage.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find United States Treasury draft on Philadelphia, No. 23,488 for $10.00, payable to your order, for which you will please send by United States Express, to E. B. Lacey, Comptroller of the Currency, ten gold dollars of the present year's coinage.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 17, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant

you are informed that as no alloy charge could be collected by the Assayer at Denver upon bars derived from sweeps, the charge should not be imposed. You will therefore make the correction as requested.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

October 17th 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You were informed by telegraph to-day of the purchase from the Omaha and Grant Smelting & Refining Company of 200000 ounces of fine silver for delivery at your mint, at the rate of 99.5 cents per ounce fine, payment to be made by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York. To enable you to make payment in this manner your bullion fund will be increased by a transfer in the sum of $500 000, the same to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

As this bullion will no doubt be delivered in several lots, you will make prompt payment of the approximate value on each delivery, say 95 per cent, as the bars manufactured by this Company are well known and no risk will be incurred, in making payment of the approximate value to this extent.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal

I have purchased from Omaha and Grant for your Mint, two hundred thousand ounces of Silver at ninety-five cents. Pay approximate value on each delivery by draft on New York. Five Hundred Thousand Dollars placed to your credit at New York.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

October 17, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Offers of Anglo Californian Bank and Meyer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Oct. 17, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($500,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 16, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Yours of the 15th inst. relative to the work done at your institution in connection with the assaying of Mexican ores, has been received, and full credit will be given your institution for this additional work in my report to the Secretary. I infer from your letter that you agree that it would be better not to ask any help from the Customs service in the way of supplies, apparatus or paying for work. I am anxious to hear from you in regard to the condition of the old government building being repaired, and when you expect to go in your new quarters, and if there is anything that I can do at this end of the line, through the Supervising Architect, to hasten matters. Write me fully please on this point as I am anxious to get your Office in first-class shape.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 17, 1889.

Telegram

Andrew W. Smyth
New Orleans, La.

Bond approved commission mailed to-day.
Telegraph when you enter on duty.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Oct. 17, 1889.

Andrew N. Smith, Esq.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your bond in the sum of $50,000, as Superintendent of the United States Mint at New Orleans has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and filed in the Office of the First Comptroller.

I transmit herewith your commission. You can enter upon duty when convenient. Please advise me by wire of the date.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 17, 1889.

Telegram

O. C. Bosbyshell,
City Hall.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Commission dated 15 day received from President appointing you Superintendent Mint at Philadelphia. Bond forwarded by mail which you will execute in sum of $100,000.

E. O. Leech
Director.

October 17th 1889.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
City Hall,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received from the President of the United States a Commission dated the 17th instant, appointing you Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Enclosed herewith, please find blank bond and affidavits of surety, which you will execute in the penal sum of $100,000 and forward to this Bureau for approval.

Upon the approval of your bond you will subscribe to an oath of office and enter upon duty. You will please arrange with Mr. Fox as to the date and details of taking charge of the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1889.

Mr. H. Torrey, Assayer,
Assay Office, New York.

My dear Mr. Torrey,

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 16th inst. I beg to thank you for your kind words in regard to my appointment as Director. I trust that our official relations will be as pleasant in the future as they have been in the past.

In regard to young Mr. Brodhead, who has been recently appointed assistant assayer at Boise City, I understood from General Sharpe that you recommended him as competent to fill the position, and it was mainly upon the strength of this statement that I had him appointed.

There is no objection to his remaining at your office as long as you think it necessary for him to qualify himself for the duties of the office which he is to fill. My impression was that he was thoroughly qualified and only needed a little brushing up. You understand that he will have to do all the assaying at the Boise Institution as there is no other assayer there, and the work at present is being done by the melter, Mr. Mobley, in addition to his duties as melter, so that of course,

I am anxious for Mr. Brodhead to enter upon his duties at Boise as soon as may be practicable, in order to relieve the strain upon Mr. Mobley. Whenever you think he is qualified to fill the position he had better start for Boise but if you do not think that he is qualified to fill the position I would be glad to have you inform me on that point, as I am responsible for his appointment, it being made at my personal request.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 17, 1889.

C. B. Powell, Esq.
Cashier, County National Bank,
Clearfield, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant you are informed that the penciling of the coin you enclose shows it to be a piece struck by a private assay office in San Francisco before the establishment of the Mint in that city. The authority for the striking of these pieces is contained in an Act of Congress passed September 30, 1850, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to contract with private assaying works in California to fix the value of gold in grains and lumps by forming the same into ingots or discs, stamping the value and degree of fineness on each ingot and for the sake of uniformity, pieces were struck containing 516 grains, .900 fine, just the exact weight and fineness of the $20.- gold piece. These pieces were never a legal tender but passed current in the Pacific States until after the establishment of the Mint in San Francisco in 1853. The piece has only a bullion value which you can

obtain by forwarding the same to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1889.

Telegram

Omaha and Grant Smelting and Refining Company,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Confirmed

Your offer to deliver two hundred thousand ounces at San Francisco at ninety five cents, per ounce fine, accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

October 17th, 1889.

Omaha & Grant Smelting and Refining Co.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Sir:

You were informed by telegraph to day of the acceptance of your offer to deliver 200,000 ounces of fine silver at the Mint of the United States at San Francisco at the rate of 95 cents per ounce fine, payment to be made by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

I have this day instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco by telegraph to receive this silver and to make prompt payment of the approximate value by draft, as above stated, on the delivery of each lot on account of the shipment.

I will thank you to inform me by telegraph how soon you will be able to complete the delivery, and when you will make the first shipment on account thereof.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1889.

Telegram

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Col.

Confirmed

Your offer of Sixty-five thousand Ounces for New Orleans at ninety three and three fourths cents accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

October 17, 1889.

Telegram

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

October 17, 1889.

Telegram

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer for New Orleans accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

October 17, 1889.

Telegram

J. & W. Seligman & Company,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

October 16, 1889.

Mr. Louis St. Gaudens,
148 W. 36th St., New York.

Sir:

Your favor of yesterday relative to the model for the Joseph Francis Medal, is at hand. Mr. Francis is now, I believe, in the 89th year of his age, and in feeble health, and his friends are very pressing in their requests that the medal ordered by Congress be completed at as early a date as possible. While I have no disposition to hurry you, at the expense of perfect execution of the work intrusted to you by Senator Evarts, I beg that out of consideration for the advanced age and failing health of this gentleman and the solicitations of his friends, that you will use all possible expedition in completing the models.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 18, 1889.

Hon. Wm Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of Gabriel Montegut, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, the sum of Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Two and 48/100 Dollars ($18,432.48) being the balance of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars at that Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery, Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & Storage accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Pa for the Month ending July 31, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1889.

The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Will you please inform me at your earliest convenience of the value of the merchandise exported from the United States during the fiscal year 1889, and the value of the merchandise imported, showing the difference in value; also the value of imports and exports of merchandise from May 1, 1889, to October 1, 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 18th, 1889.

Telegram

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City,
Idaho.

Mail me for my report a brief resumé of the

business and improvements in your institution since July, eighty-eight.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

October 18th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Please forward a very brief statement of any improvements which have been made in the Charlotte institution since the publication of the last annual report of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

+ + + + + + + Denver institution + + + + +

October 18, 1889.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Will accept Peter's offer of ten thousand ounces at ninety-three eighty, the highest price paid yesterday.

E. O. Leech, Director.

October 18, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name, the sum of $18,432.48 being the balance of profits on the coinage of silver dollars at your mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1889, and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

May I trouble you to prepare and forward to me at your earliest convenience a statement similar to the one herewith returned, covering the period from May 1, 1888, to September 30, 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech.
Director.

Oct. 18th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery, Std. Silver Dol. Coinage & Storage accounts for the month ending July 31st, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Oct. 18th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to Voucher #32 of your Ordinary account for the month of August, bill of the Hall Steam Pump Co. of New York, your attention is called to the item for railroad fares $7.45. The item is an unusual one that should have been supported by sub-voucher, showing that the expense was incurred, and the necessity for the journey should also have been made apparent.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 18, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith account of the "Evening Telegraph" of your City for advertising for proposals for 5one cent blanks, amounting to $22.80, which sum is payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your mint for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 18th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

over

500 Reports, Capt. of Watch.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 18, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Will accept Silver offered by Selby and Anglo-California Bank at ninety-four and a half cents, for delivery within ten days. Payment by draft on New York. Telegraph their decision.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 18, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Advance purchasing rate of Silver to Ninety three and three fourths cents, per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

October 18, 1889.

Hon. W. J. Connell,
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of August 24, 1889 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this bureau, relative to the employment of John P. H. Boyd in the Mint at San Francisco, I am respectfully informed that appointments in the Mint service are made by the Superintendents in charge of the various institutions, and the

proper course of procedure would be for Mr. Boyd to apply to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, stating his qualifications with such political endorsements as he may be able to procure.

Your communication referred to has been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Oct. 18th, 1889.

The Press Co. Limited,
Philadelphia Pa.

Gentlemen:

Please forward to this Bureau one copy of "The Daily Press" (including the Sunday edition) for one year from and including this date. Transmit bill for same to this Bureau for settlement.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 18th, 1889.

Enoch Jones, Esq.,
Elixir, Boone County,
Ark Kansas.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant requesting a copy of the U. S. Mining Laws has been referred to the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 19, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the Sum of One Thousand and Twenty $\frac{28}{100}$ Dollars ($1,020 $\frac{28}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Nine $\frac{44}{100}$ Dollars ($9. $\frac{44}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of One Thousand and Twenty-nine $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars ($1029. $\frac{72}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated Oct. 5th, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

Forty Thousand Eight Hundred and Two $\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars ($40,802 $\frac{20}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Eighty-six $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars ($486 $\frac{74}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty one Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty eight $\frac{94}{100}$ Dollars, ($41,288. $\frac{94}{100}$), Oct. 15th, 1889

Oct. 19th, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the Month ending July 31, 1889, render-

ed to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 19th, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
1,000 Assayer's reports upon Silver Ingot Mette.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Oct. 19, 1889.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Oct. 5, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 9 (C+C. sweep bar) dated Sept. 30, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $1029.72, charges — and net value $1029.72. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 19, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Oct. 15, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 10 dated Oct. 11th, 1889 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $41,396.03/100, charges $107.09/100 and net value $41,288 94/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully Yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 19th, 1889.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed.

Have deposited eighteen thousand four hundred and thirty-two dollars and forty-eight cents balance of profits on coinage of Silver dollars on hand June thirtieth. Bullion fund increased by transfer of same amount. Transfer order seventeen thousand three forty-nine dated today. Make proper entries in your accounts as of this date.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 19, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter dated 19th instant inquiring whether you should receive from Joseph Wharton, the [illegible] Contractor 5000 lbs of one cent blanks,

for which under the contract you have the right to make requisition you are informed that inasmuch as a contract has already been made for blanks at a lower rate, no requisition will be made by you upon Mr. Wharton for the blanks in question.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 19, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant in regard to the remittance from the New York County National Bank, New York City, for $6,000 in one cent pieces, you are authorized to accept the remittance and furnish the coins.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 19, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending July 31, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Oct. 19th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Memoranda of Fine Gold Bullion Deposits.
500 Assayer's reports on Gold Deposits.
500 Gold Bullion deposit slips.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram
Confirmed

October 19, 1889.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Yes, you can draw on New York.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

October 19, 1889.

Hon. W. W. Morrow,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

As requested in your telegram of this date I mail you today a list of the changes made in the mint at San Francisco by the present Superintendent.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 21, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending July 31, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + Ordinary and Refinery Expense + + + + + + + + U. S. Assay Office at New York +

October 21st, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 372 for $6,578.70 being on account of Parting & Refining charges, quarter ended Sept. 30th 1889, inclosed in your communication of the 15th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion Accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and Refining.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted to same address:

C. D. No. 373 for $26.29 + + Alloy Charges + + + + + + + as a "Miscellaneous receipt". + +

October 21, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nev.

Offer of Peters of twenty one thousand ounces at ninety four cents per ounce fine accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Oct. 21, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
250 Coiner's statements of Bullion Balances (Form No. 220)

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

500 Memoranda of Fine Gold Bullion deposited.
500 Reports of Doorkeeper.

October 21, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 19th instant, transmitting a statement of gold bars exchanged at your institution, and the amount for shipment each month from May 1888 to September 1889, has been received, and I

thank you for the same.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Oct. 21, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary & Refinery expense accounts for the month ending July 31st, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech, Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + Ordinary Expense accounts + + +

Oct. 21st, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans,

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 70000 Ounces, at $0.9386

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted; to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

+ + Hoard & Hassman, 10000 Ounces, at $0.9383

October 21, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the bond of Messrs. Merchant & Co for the faithful performance of their contract for the five cent nickel and one cent bronze blanks recently awarded them. If the bond is satisfactory to you, you will please forward the contract for my approval.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1889.

J. W. Sylvester Esq.,
U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury would like to see you on official business on Wednesday of this week you are requested and instructed to report to this bureau, say at 9.30 o'clock Wednesday morning.
Your necessary expenses will be paid.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 21, 1889

Miss Minnie Bright,
Sunbury, Pa.

Miss:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant you are respectfully informed that positions in the mints are not under the civil service law. Your proper course is to make application to the Superintendent of the Mint with such letters of recommendation as you may be able to obtain.

Very respectfully, E. O. Leech Director

October 21, 1889.

Messrs. Merchant & Company,
#517 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 19th instant enclosing your bond, has been received. I have forwarded the bond to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with whom the same should have been filed by you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Col.

Your offer of seventy thousand ounces for New Orleans at ninety three and eighty six hundredths cents per ounce fine accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

October 21, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

October 21, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Oct. 22, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-nine $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars ($26979.$\frac{25}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Three Hundred and Ninety $\frac{01}{100}$ Dollars ($390.$\frac{01}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-seven Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Nine $\frac{26}{100}$ Dollars ($27,369.$\frac{26}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum dated Oct. 8th 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 22nd 1889.

Chief of the Bureau of Statistics,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I will thank you to verify and return the enclosed

statements at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Oct. 18, 1889 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 10 dated Oct. 12, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $27,437.$\frac{76}{100}$; charges $68.$\frac{50}{100}$, and net value $27369.$\frac{26}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 22nd, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I find upon examination of the pay rolls of your mint for the month of July that the following overpayments were made by you.

H. E. Manning, Abstract Clerk is paid for the entire month while the records of this Bureau show that his official oath bears date of July 2nd.

George McLaughlin, Fireman in the Coiner's department is paid at the rate of $7.00 per day while the rate approved by this Bureau is $6.00.

John H. Heney, Coalman, General department

is paid at the rate of $4.00 per day, an excess of 50¢ per day above the rate approved by the Bureau.

I will thank you to submit an explanation of these irregularities at as early a day as practicable as your accounts are held pending answer.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech.
Director.

October 22, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 15th inst. with enclosures, relative to the new Vaults for the storage of Silver dollars, the papers have been referred to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury with the request that the work be taken in hand at an early date. When I learn from the Supervising Architect that the rooms designated will be acceptable and the work commenced I will give you the necessary instructions as to preparing them, as suggested in your letter.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 22, 1889.

Henry Carey Baird, Esq.,
#810 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant requesting to be informed as to the amount of "minor coin and fractional silver coin" coined at the Mints of the United States for the fiscal year ended June 30,

1889, it was as follows:

Minor Coin	$906,473.21
Fractional Silver Coin	721,686.40

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1889.

Edward L. Tead, Esq.,
President National Exchange Bank,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I have to reply to the interrogatories contained in your letter of the 15th instant as follows:

1st. The standard silver dollar is a full legal tender.

2nd. The silver dollar contains 412½ grains of silver 9/10 fine.

3rd. Hon. R. P. Bland of Missouri is the author of the Bland Bill as originally passed by the House of Representatives.

4th. At 42½ pence for silver .925 fine (British standard) the bullion value of the silver dollar is 72.27 cents.

5th. A Troy pound of pure silver, at its coining value in standard silver dollars, is worth $15.51.

6th. A Troy pound of pure gold is worth $248.06.

7th. The ratio between gold and silver at the present price of silver is 21.9 to 1.

8th. This is a question upon which there is a great variety of opinion and many theories advanced.

9th. The production of gold and silver in the world is estimated as follows for the year 1887 - Gold - $105,826,000. - Silver (coining value) $125,346,000 (Commercial value) ($90,000,000).

10th. In a number of countries of the world, coinage

is free. The generally accepted meaning of the term free coinage is the privilege of making unlimited deposits of gold and silver for conversion into coin.
11th There is no charge at the U. S. Mints for coining gold. Silver is coined only on government account.
12th It is estimated that U. S. gold coins will lose by abrasion from 1% to 2 per cent in a century.
13th According to the latest reports the amount of silver in France, England and Germany, was as follows: France, $594,000,000 - England, $95,000,000.; Germany, $211,480,000.
14th The total amount of gold and silver in the world at the present time is estimated to be 6½ to 7 billion dollars.
15th $2\frac{133}{4800}$ cents is allowed to the penny.
16th The fineness of the English sovereign is .916⅔; of the American eagle .900.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1889.

Hon. Wm Walter Phelps,
United States Minister to Germany,
Berlin, Germany.

Sir:

I would be pleased to receive the "Deutsches Handels-archiv" published monthly in Berlin by the Imperial Department of the Interior.

This publication contains statistics which will be valuable to this bureau, in connection with the production, coinage, and movement of the precious metals.

If there is any charge for the publication a bill for the same, forwarded to this bureau, will be promptly paid.

I would like the publication forwarded regularly

to the bureau monthly, commencing with the first of July, 1889.

May I ask your good offices to procure the same.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 22, 1889.

Davis R. Dewey, Esq.,
Secretary, American Statistical Association,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 16th inst. and also copies of recent numbers of the new series of the publications of the American Statistical Association, I will thank you to present my name to the executive committee for membership, and beg to enclose herewith the annual dues, $2.00. I also desire to subscribe for the library of this bureau for the statistical publications of the Association, if sold, for one year commencing July 1st, 1889. You will please forward a receipted bill, in duplicate, for my approval and payment.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 22, 1889.

Samuel C. Parks, Jr.,
Cashier, First Lander Bank,
Lander, Wyoming.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant to the Treasurer of the United States in reference to obtaining a supply of gold dollars, has been referred to this Bureau

and in reply I have to inform you that the coinage of gold dollars is limited to a small amount, but if you will forward a draft on New York or Philadelphia under cover to this Bureau, in favor of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for $50.00, I will instruct him to forward that amount to you in the coinage of the current year.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 22, 1889

George H. Sharpe Esq.,
Rondout N. Y.

Sir:

The bond of Edward H. Brodhead Jr. is herewith returned being defective in two particulars.

First, the name of the principal is signed "Jr.", which is omitted in the body of the bond.

Second, One of the sureties is a female. If the lady is a married woman she will not be accepted as a surety, if single, an affidavit to that effect must accompany the bond.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Oct. 22, 1889

Telegram

Dr. A. W. Smythe,
New Orleans, La.

Commission was addressed A. W. Smyth, Esq, New Orleans. Inquire at Post Office. Exhaust all means of finding it. Let me know result. When do you expect to take charge of Mint?

E. O. Leech, Director.

Oct. 22, 1889.

Telegram

O. H. La Grange
120 Broadway,
New York.

Have just approved promotion of William Andrews @ six dollars a day vice Lawrence appointed assayer.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Oct. 23, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in Gold Coin and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, by wire.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1889.

Chief, Bureau of Statistics,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

May I ask you to give me the names of the countries to which United States gold bars were exported from the port of New York in the months of May and June 1888, and the months of August and September 1889, and the value of the gold bars exported to each.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech, Director.

Oct. 23, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. for the month ending July 31st 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

Assay Office at Helena, Mon.

accounts of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at St. Louis, Charlotte & Boise City

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Oct. 23, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, D. T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending July 31st 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters to addresses given on next page:

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Oct. 23, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.-) in gold coin, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant-Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco by wire.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 23, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
250 Coroner's Weekly reports.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Oct. 23, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery Division, Treasury Department for stationery shipped you on the 5th of Sept. 1889, amounting to $15.49 payable from the appropriation for Wages and Contingent expenses of your office, fiscal year 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

on the 18th of Augt. 1889 $82.33
Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

21st of Sept. 1889 $11.32
Wages and contingent expenses of your office, fiscal year 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

1st of July, 1889, $22.88
Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1890

over

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

10th of Sept. 1889, $61.07
Contingent expenses of your office fiscal year 1890.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

14th of Sept. 1889 $12.76
Wages and Contingent expenses of your office fiscal year 1890.

October 23, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
5000 Notifications of Shipments of S. S. Dollars, (Form No. 66a.)
500 Memoranda of Silver bullion (" . 44.)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 23, 1889

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

State by wire amount and cost of silver bullion on hand at close of business to-day for silver dollar coinage.

E. O. Leech.
Director, Mint.

October 23, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to ninety four cents, per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
Director Mint.

October 23, 1889.

Hon. John H. Reagan
United States Senate.

Sir:

In response to day I have the honor to transmit statements showing the production of gold and silver in the United States and in the world for the calendar years 1878 to 1889, and the coinage of the United States for the same calendar years. I also enclose herewith table showing the total coinage of the mints from their organization and table showing the production of gold and silver in the United States from 1792.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director

October 23, 1889.

R. P. Rothwell, Esq.
The Engineering and Mining Journal,
New York.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of yesterday I send you by mail to day two copies each of the fiscal reports of the Director of the Mint from 1880 to 1889 and two copies of the production reports each year from 1884 to 1888. These are the only years for which I have copies of these reports except

in my own and the Director's library. You can refer to any years prior to them in my office, or possibly I could lend you the prior years if you will take good care of them and return them to me, but I cannot give them to you.

In regard to making extracts from any papers in this bureau, concerning the production and imports of the precious metals I will have that done for you without any expense if you will indicate exactly what you wish. I will also furnish you with statements covering the quantities of the precious metals imported from Mexico. You will understand that at present I am working day and night on the preparation of my fiscal report. As I did not enter upon the duties of the office of Director until the 16th instant this work is necessarily behind and it will occupy all my time and the attention of my clerks for a few weeks. I hope to have it finished early in November. At the same time I am assisting the Secretary on work connected with his report.

I do not think it would be proper for me to express any opinions on the Silver question as the Administration will probably present some policy on that question for the consideration of Congress, and I prefer to leave any suggestions to the President and the Secretary.

I will be pleased to give you letters to all of our officers and agents at any time that you desire them, either for yourself or for any persons you may employ. I assure you that I will aid you as fully as I can in your work, and I will instruct the officers of the Mint Service to do the same.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director.